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Tories get a grip

Clarke holds to Cabinet line on single currency

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Kenneth Clarke and John Mayesterday put the public eal on a week of new Tory uniafter a Bournemouth speech in which the Chancellor stuck strictly to the Cabinet line on the single currency.

Sources close to the Prime Minister believe that the Conservatives have turned a corner, and now that the party has regained its grip on old-fashioned party loyalty, they are in with a chance at the next election,

Delighted by Mr Clarke's performance, the party conference gave him an ovation that lasted more than four minutes - prolonged by the Prime Min-ister joining him in a victory handshake for a fighting performance.

at the fragility of the truce was shown by an early-morning attack from the Chancellor on schizophrenic". Conservative Central Office workers who were publicly "knocking" party members - including himself.

From the other side of the

ence Live 96: "It's quite understandable that they don't want to have a huge and divisive dohate, but it's sad that both parties feel they have to avoid debate in this way."

Closing yesterday's econom-

resentatives that the single currency policy had been agreed: "At every stage, we have the right to say, 'No'." The Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary had repeated it on Wednesday; he

as repeating it again yesterday. "So let us spend the next six months - and the election -nniting behind that policy, attacking the Labour Party, talk-ing about the economy, and



Kenneth Clarke: Ovation

winning the election." The ovation for Mr Clarke, favourite bovative Research Department file signify refrect to find any at Central Office, deployed the gagging of confidence debate on the single coursebey.

He told the BBC's Dut the unity time became a

common Cabinet refrain through the day. The Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, said that the party needed three extra policies - "unity, unity and unity." The Deputy Prime Minister. Michael Heseltine, said ic debate. Mr Clarke told rep- with feeling that those who fed

the media with harmful headlines deserved the party's "ut-ter contempt" - and could help send the party into the wilderness for 17 years.

He also became the first Cabinet member to confront the challenge of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which is staging a one-day con-ference in Brighton next Sat-urday. Although some senior Cabinet colleagues believe that Sir James will get only 6 or 7 per cent of the vote, at most, they argue that those dissident Tory votes could otherwise have gone to Labour, and the damage will be limited.

But Mr Heseltine asked Sir James what he thought he would gain by putting up can-didates "where it will hurt the Conservative most" - and letting Labour in.

The establishment of unity.

will allow the Prime Minister to go on to the policy and political offensive when he addresses the conference in his formal leader's speech this morning.

But there were continuing indications of the party's under-Chief Secretary to the Treasury. said the party had to be ambi-

Tiousan its pursuit of spending crits. Once the Treasury had hit its present target of reducing spending below 40 per cent of national income. GDP he said. "in due course, we should look further at a lower target."

The Conservatives in Bournemouth, pages 6,7 Inflation figures, page 21

Leak reveals contempt for British 'FBI'

lan Burreli

An élite police unit set up as Britain's answer to the FBI is viewed with contempt and distrust by police and customs officers, according to a suppressed Home Office report. The report, which has been

leaked to The Independent, says the National Criminal Intelligence Service, (NCIS) set up to co-ordinate the fight against organised crime, is derided by detectives from forces around the country and regional crime

Senior Customs officers, it adds, said their staff threatened to mutiny when asked to work alongside the unit.

The findings of the report, which is marked confidential and will not be published, are alarming in view of future plans to expand NCIS and give it greater powers.

The unit, which is hased in London, is to form the hasis of the new national crime squad being set up by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to fight organised crime, in-cluding the activities in Britain of international drugs cartels and the Russian and Italian mafias. A Home Office source said that a toned-down version of the report will be passed to the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

1 he report is based on 299 interviews with police and customs officers and civil servants. They revealed that many police and customs intelligence units do not trust NCIS enough to give it information. One regional crime squad detective inspector said that he viewed the filing of information to NCIS as a waste of time. "I saw no value in it whatsoever for me as an operational manager," he said.

Customs officers were even more hostile. The report states: "It appears there were grave concerns fin Customs about the uses to which NCIS would put any data supplied to them."



The logo of an 'élite' force

Detective Chief Superinten-dent Michael Burdis, head of CID at South Yorkshire police, said: "Many people say that NCIS is not delivering what the police service of this country requires. It markets itself well with glossy literature but it needs actual sincere, genuine, working relationships [with police forces] who actually want to work together. I am not sure we have achieved that,"

Sir Ron Hadfield, who retired this summer as chief constable of the West Midlands, said NCIS was not up to the job of taking on organised crime and international drug trafficking.

The report was commissioned from Dick Hobbs and Colin Dunnighan, criminologists based at Durham University. They report that "we came upon a great deal of animosi-

directed towards NCIS. The report bas caused great concern at the Home Office. One insider said: "This is the intelligence arm of the new national crime squad and it's in a shambles.

A second critical report, which has already been passed to ACPO, attacks NCIS for its failings in combatting the activities of paedophiles and those engaged in sex tourism.

The study on European Police Co-operation, written by Dr Paul Norman of the Centre for Legal Studies at the University of Sussex, accuses NCIS of failing to pick up the movements of paedophiles who move address from one police force to another. It accuses NCIS of devoting

"few resources" to fight sex tourism and being interested only in disrupting their activi-ties rather than helping to secure convictions.

City sees economy ·as election winner

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

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The strength of the economy means the outcome of the general election could be much closer than opinion polls at present snggest, according to one of the City of London's top investment banks.
The research, which sup-

ports Kenneth Clarke's claim yesterday that the Tories could win if they fight the election on the economy, was sent to investors yesterday by the USowned bank Lehman Brothers.

Linking economic indicators and voting intentions it predicts that the outcome of the election could range between a Labour

QUICKLY

Adams hits back The president of Sinn Fein, Ger-Adams, responded to sting-criticisms from the Irish government by lecturing the Taoiseach, John Bruton, on his responsibilities in unusually companive terms.

Dissident on trial China appears determined to put on trial one of its most outspoken young dissidents, Wang Dan, 26, after telling his family to flud a lawyer by this afternoon. Mr Wang faces seven years in jail for counter-revolutionary activities. Page 13

Amazon threat Scores of Amazonian Indians who have had no contact with. the outside world could face death because of exploration by an oil company, campaigners claimed vesterday. Page 3



majority of 43 and a hung Par-liament with Tony Biair 41 sears short of an overall majority.

According to Michael Dicks the Lehman Brothers expert who carried out the research, it could be a much closer result than expected. He calculates that consumer confidence and the number of households with negative equity, explain past vot-ing intentions far more accurately than unemployment and

Mr Dicks said: "The results of our research suggest that the economy does seem to matter quite a lot." Consumer confidence also reflected other influences such as take home pay and feelings of job insecurity, he

said. Including a measure of negative equity explains the much bigger drop in support for the Conservatives from 1992 than traditional economic indicators alone account for Others suggest that sterling's ejection from the Exchange

Rate Mechanism was to blame. The number of UK homes affected by negative equity has fallen below half a nullion for the first time since 1990, according to a new survey from the Woolwich Building Society. It said 475,000 home owners are affected, a drop of 65,000 in three months - a factor that could be rewarded by an im-Hamish McRae, page 19 Victory handehales. Mr Major and Mr Clarke at Bournemouth Photograph: Jacqueline Arzt/AP



Church of England sounds off at anti-gay Thought for the Day

Andrew Brown Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England has protested to the BBC after an evangelical speaker on Radio 4's Thought for the Day attacked. Bishops for supporting a celebration in Southwark Cathedral marking 20 years of the Lesbian

and Gay Christian Movement. Ann Atkins, a novelist and former actress, who is married to an evangelical vicar, delivered a ferocious blast against what she said was a commentoration

of "20 years of gay sex".
"It is the Church's duty to condemn sin and ... this we are failing to do. Soon, no doubt, we will have an adulterers' Christian Fellowship, a 'sex before marriage' Christian fellowship. [we] see no reason why the list should ever end unless and unGod's standards of morality," Shegog, has made a director's she said.

didates for ordination in the Church of England are steadi-by going down. Surprise surprise.

Soon, no doubt, we will have an adulterers' Christian Fellowship'

pare himself for battle? Sadly, the sound given by the Church of England today is so uncertain for d never even know it was a frumpet," she concluded.

Such strident certainties are not often heard on Thought for the musines of Lionel Blue, the most prominent gay rabbi m

communications, the Rev Eric "A report has just been pub- about the early morning relihished ... which says that can- gious slot, describing her talk as "factually maccurate and containing basic errors. "To say that a decline in vo-

"If the trumpet give an un- cations is attributable to the

certain sound, who should pre- church's position on homosexnality is preposterous. We feel that the BBC has made a serious error of judge-ment in transmitting this Thought for the Day and would

welcome an apology."
A spokesman for the BBC said: "Ms Atkins represents one not insubstantial viewpoint within the churches, which believes that the Bible is author-The Church's director of itative in matters of doctrine and

morality. Listeners may no agree with her, but she is entitled to her opinion."

The BBC admitted, howev er, that it had received a "substantial number of complaints from listeners." Not all were wholly serious. Many, according to one insider, protested that there had been far more than 20 years of gay sex for the Les-bian and Gay Christian Move-ment to celebrate.

Ms Atkins was vesterday unrepentant. "I suppose that a lot of things that Jesus said weren't

very tactful, either.
"Everything that we believe has been blurred round the edges, and that means that people lose confidence in the Church's ability to be a fighting

Ms Atkins is due to give the Thought For The Day for three

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Media face tighter intrusion laws

MARIANNE MACDONALD and STEPHEN GOODWIN

The rules governing media intrusion into people's private lives are being re-written after a series of front-page Royal exclusives led by the hoax Princess Diana video.

The rules form part of the industry's code of practice administered by the Press Complaints Commission (PCC). whose chair, Lord Wakeham. vesterday spoke out against the recent "stream of injudicious stories centring on the private lives of public individuals".

Grahame Thomson, secretary of the editors' committee

firmed last night that the publication of pictures from the faked video of Princess Diana and her former lover, James Hewitt --- published by the Sun on Tuesday as the real thing raised privacy issues.

That section of the code was being "restated", be said.
"There has to be a limit as to how far you go. If a paper is stupid enough to accept phony ma-terial without checking, that is up to them.

But the protection of privacy is very important, and although there is fairly adequate cover in the code, we are making some

The issue of media mishe-

former members of the Royal family, including the revela-tions of a fortune teller consulted by the Duchess of York and a claim that Prince William had a crush on the step-sister of

one of his schoolmates. Neither story triggered any complaint to the PCC, while the Sun's five-page "Royal World an individual's private life with-exclusive" about the Diana out his or ber consent ... are not hoax video prompted only four complaints, all from members of the public.

down, however, the Lord Chancellor's department is expected to issue a consultation paper lat- tial witnesses in court cases

following several recent "ex-clusives" about members and sums to witnesses in trials is outlawed.

The move, triggered by the huy-ups of witnesses in Rosemary West's trial for murder last year, signals the Government's lack of confidence in newspapers' attempts at self-regulation.

The Code of Practice says that "intrusions or enquiries into generally acceptable" unless in

omplaints, all from members
f the public.
As part of a general clampAnother section, also being revised by the feditors code committee, says that payments should not be made to poten-

Yesterday Virginia Bottom-ley, the Secretary of State for Heritage, said she believed there was room for tighter safeguards on the press but that legislating would be "fraught with difficulty".

"Legislation tends to be cost-

ly, complex and does not necessarily deliver results," she to temper freedom of informawarned. But she emphasised that she took the question of pri-vacy "extremely seriously" and that it would remain under

review. Earlier this year she asked Lord Wakeham to ensure that commitments on self-regulation were being taken forward. These included writing the code people's lives and privacy.

getting more lay memhers on the PCC, and setting up a public hotline to make the commission more accessible. "There is room for further

tightening the safeguards," Mrs Bottomley said. "It is the dilemma in a modern democracy in a multi-media age that you have tion with responsibilities.".

But Jack Cunningham, Labour's Heritage spokes-person, said: "Without a strengthened Press Complaints Commission we will see some sections of the press continue with their deplorable behaviour, with its inevitable damage to Leading article, page 17

approached or photographed at school without permission of the

The Public interest Innocent relatives and friends Clauses 4,5,7,8 and 9 create exceptions which may be covered by invoking the public interest. For the purpose of this code is most easily defined as: (i) Detecting or exposing crime or serious misdemeanour.

school authorities.

(ii) Protecting public health and safety.

(iii) Preventing the public from being misled by some statement or action of an indi-

vidual or organisation. In any case raising issues beyoud these three definitions, the Press Complaints Commission will require a full explanation by the editor demonstrating how

resent the Taoiseach's use of the terms Nazis and fascists. It

would be easy for me to slip into

similar name calling but such an

approach would be deeply unipful at this dangerous time.

bility to take the lead in creat-

ing a viable political alternative

The Irish Foreign Minister, Dick Spring, told the Dail: "At

a time like this, it is very diffi-

cult not to succumb to anger

and despair. No one can avoid

feeling these emotions, and the

more one has worked to better

the situation, the more keenly they will be felt.

"Mr Bruton has a responsi-

absence of or without the consent of a parent or other adult

significant shorts

Minister refuses fishing cuts

Britain will not implement any moves approved by the European Union to reduce fish catches unless the problem of foreign quota-hopper traviers is resolved, Douglas Hogg, Minister of State for Food, said yesterday.

Mr Hogg was responding to European Fisheries Commissioner, Emma Bonino, who had called for a 40 per: cent cut in "fishing effort" by fleets over six years and warned that quota-hoppers could ncrease unless Britain commued its fleet decommissioning programme. But after meeting South West fishing industry leaders m Plymouth, Mr Hogg said the cut would be "very unacceptable" to the Government.

Pub manager took Dunblane

appeal fund A pub manager has been convicted of stealing £600 be raised in an appeal for victims and their families after the Dumblane massacre last March in which 16 children and their

teacher were killed. Patrick Southgate, 49, who also took £1,400 from the bar in Poplar, east London, when he left her. Asked why be had not ran away to Spain in April, was told yesterday by Judge Stephen Robbins at Southwark Crown Court that his crime "might be regarded as the most despicable and mean offence". Sentencing was adjourned until

Minister in trouble again

Sir Nicholas Scott, the former Cabinet minister, faced a new threat to his political career after being taken back to his botel by the police after an Irish Embassy party m Bournementh early yesterday morning. A spokesman for Dorset police confirmed that a man was found in the street outside the main Conservative conference botel, and driven to confirm his name because no

one had been arrested or In March, Sir Nicholas was narrowly endorsed as the Tory candidate for his Cheisea seat. Within days, be was banned from driving for a year for

drink-driving and failing to stop after an accident in which he trapped a three-year-old boy between two cars. John Rentous

HRT risk reported

Women on hormone replacement therapy (HRT) rum an increased risk of blood clots in the leg, or lungs

according to new evidence published in *The Lancet*.

Two studies by scientists in Oxford and Boston, conclude that out of 10,000 women taking HRT, two will suffer blood clots that they would not otherwise have had. A third study, also from the United States, found a smaller risk of one woman in 20,000 suffering

from a clot. The scientists say that a family or personal history of clots, obesity, or confinement to bed for long periods, should be of October at the earliest considered before HRT is started Liz Hunt

Body found in house unidentifiable

The body of a man found under floorboards by officers who were checking a house may have been there for several weeks, police said. The remains of the man, believed to be in his thirties, were found by police at a house in Greenock, Strathclyde. Strathclyde Police have not been able to identify the remains, which are believed to be in a decomposed state, but said they hoped forensic

examination would reveal

more information today.

Teenager dies from rabies bite

A teenager, bitten by an anim on a trip to Nigeria, died from rabies, medical experts confirmed after a post-mortem examination yesterday. The 18-year-old youth died on Sunday night at Coppetts Wood Hospital in north London, which specialises in infectious diseases, after being admitted to a casualty department at the nearby Whittington hospital the previous day. Staff at the hospitals who

came into contact with the unnamed man are to have a series of impremisation

Murder case man tells of kiss

Stuart Morgan, a lonry driver accused of murdering French 19, told Worcester Crown Court yesterday that he had a brief sexual encounter with her after asking for a Christmas kiss in return for a lift.

Mr Morgan, 37, of Bournemouth, Dorset, said he drove her from Chieveley services, on the M4 at Newbury, Berkshire, to Southampton. He said she was "smiling and happy" when he come forward after the nationwide search for a lorry driver matching his description. Mr Morgan, who denies murder, said be wanted to hide from his wife the fact he had slept with another woman. The

Warning over pillows for

case continues today.

asthmatics Feather pillows may be betigened for asthmatics than pillows with synthetic tillings, according to new research which questions the advice to the contrary given to some sufferers. Scientists in New Zealand analysed dust samples from nine pairs of pillows, one of which was feather and the to determine the content of a particular allergen associated with the house dust mite which is a strong risk factor for asthma. The polyester pillows contained more than eight times as much allergen than the feather ones, according to the report in the British Medical Journal Liz Hunt

Delay for liver swap child

The expatriate parents of a toddler, who doctors say will die unless he has a liver transplant, must wait for several more weeks to learn whether they will have to return him to

Britain to undergo surgery.

The couple were said to be
"distressed" at reports accusing them of fleeing abroad in defiance of a High Court ruling demanding the operation go ahead. They claim the operation will only temporarily lengthen their child's life and lead to greater suffering. After last month's ruling they lodged an appeal, the result of which will not be known until the end

Second road group face eviction

A second group of protesters camped in the path of a £65m West Country road scheme face eviction following a court, hearing in Exeter yesterday. An application for possession of land at the Trollheim camp near Exeter was granted to the Highways Agency, construction consortium Connect. engineering firm Balfour Beatty, and the trustees of the Escot Estate. Today a similar application is due to be made over a camp at Pairmile. On Tuesday an order for possession was made against protesters at Allercombe. All three camps are in the path of the 13-mile Exeter-Honiton road,

which updates the code, con-. haviour has returned to the fore - er, this, month recommending without the same justification. into contracts of employment, New code sets limits for editors

Extracts from the code

Privacy
Intrusions and enquiries into an individual's private life without his or her consent, including the use of long-lens photo-graphy to take pictures of peo-ple on private property without their consent are not generally acceptable and publication can

only be justified when in the public interest. Note: private property is defined as (I) any private resi-dence, together with its garden and outbuildings, but excluding any adjacent fields or parkland and the surrounding parts of the property within the unaided view of passers-by (ii) hotel bedrooms (but not other areas in a botel) and (iii) those parts of a hospital or nursing home

where patients are treated or ac-fied only in the public interest

Listening Devices ... Unless justified by the public interest, journalists should not obtain or publish material ohtained by using clandestine listening devices or by intercepting private telephone con-

Misrepresentation
(i) Journalists should not generally obtain or seek to obtain information or pictures

through misrepresentation or sunterfuge.
(ii) Unless in the public interest, documents or pho-

tographs should be removed only with the express consent of the owner.
(iii) Subterfuge can be justi-

Unless it is contrary to the public's right to know, the press should generally avoid identi-

and only when material cannot

be obtained by other means.

fying relatives or friends of persons convicted or accused of Interviewing or photographing children

(i) Journalists should not normally interview or photograph children under the age of 16 on subjects involving the per-sonal welfare of the child in the

whn is responsible for the children.

(ii) Children should not be the public interest was served.

Northern Ireland: Dublin's relations with Adams at lowest ebb for years

Sinn Fein chief rebukes Bruton over 'Nazi' attack

DAVID MCKITTRICK reland Correspondent

The president of Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams, yesterday responded to stinging criticisms from the trish government by lecturing the Taoiseach, John Bruton, on his responsibilities in unusually combative terms. Mr Bruton had earlier followed his previous comparison

the Nazis by warning: "No more Lisburns. No more spectaculars. No more beatings. No coded trained from breaking all poswarnings. Just the ballut box." The Dail in Dublin yesterday devoted an all-day dehate to the question of the peace process in

the wake of Monday's double IRA bomb attack on British army headquarters at Lisburn,

sibility of contact with the republican movement. The hope in Dublin, though it is not based on any particular confidence, is that the Lisburn attacks do not mean the peace process is at a definitive end.

But the exchanges between But amid condemnation of Mr Bruton and Mr Adams sig-

of the republican movement to the IRA and Sinn Fein from all nal that Dublin's relationship Lisburn attack forced doctors to postpone urgent operations

JOJO MOYES

A senior neuro-surgeon at Northern Ireland's biggest hospital appealed to terrorists to consider the consequences of their actions vesterday, as it emerged that the Lisburn bombings had forced surgeons to postpone operations on seriously ill patients.

Tom Fannin, a senior consultant neuro-surgeon at the Royal Victoria Huspital, Belfast, said the hospital was "very concerned" that the upsurge in violence meant that intensive care beds were filled by the victims, leaving no room for scheduled patients, and said it take any of these awful acts serious implications for health could have serious conse-

sources in the province.

Three patients who had their operations cancelled required brain surgery and a fourth needed a tumour removed from her abdomen. Mr Fannin had also had to cancel an operation to correct an aneurysm - a blood vessel that had burst in a patient's brain.

The patients were said to be "very distressed" at the postponement of their operations. some of which had been planned many weeks ago. "I want to plead very strongly that [the terrorists] think very carefully before they under-

which inevitably result not just budgets.

quences for health care re- in loss of life but terrible consequences for other victims," Mr Fannin said.

As be spoke, four of the most scriously injured casualties of the Lisburn bombings were still in the Royal Victoria's intensive care unit, one critically ill. Mr Fannin, a neuro-surgeon

since 1977, said a resumption

of violence was likely to have more serious conseguences than before the ceasefire because policy on the use of intensive care beds had changed. Dr lan Carson, medical director of the Royal Victoria, said the cost of intensive care meant

a return to violence would have

Governments must make the hard decisions. "We bave sought to maintain a careful balance between giving the necessary encouragement to those who are genuinely seeking a transition from violence to peace, while at the same time

> could well be the opposite." Police in the province are still interviewing a man arrested in the Poleglass housing estate in west Belfast, near where the bomb gang's gctaway car was found burning just after Monday's bombings. He is being questioned by the RUC at Castlereagh.

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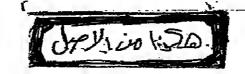


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news

Rich world, poor world: Exploration could bring jungle nomads into disastrous contact with Western illnesses, says British group

Oil search 'will kill' Amazon natives

MICHAEL STREETER

Scores of Amazonian Indians who have had no contact with the outside world could face death because of exploration by an oil company, campaigners The Mashco-Piro are a no-

madic people in remote jungle in south-east Peru where Mobil is carrying out seismic tests for

Survival International, a British group which is monitoring the situation, say it is "in-evitable" that many of the Indians will die from contact with common Western illness-es - such as whooping cough -against which they have no im-

They complain that despite promises from the company to keep away from local peoples, there have been at least three "encounters" between them.

A local Indian representative group called Fenamad has taken statements from Indians on the exploration crews outlining the incidents, including heli-copters flying low over Indian groups and a violent clash where the Mashco-Piro fired ar-

There are rumours that up to three workers have been killed in such hattles - reports firmly denied by Mobil, which

is an American company Jonathan Mazower, Sur-vival's campaigns officer, said that 11 years ago, when the Shell oil company and loggers had en-countered related Indians in a neighbouring territory at least half their population - up to 100

- had been wiped out by disease "There is a tragic inevitabil-ity about what Mobil is doing." he said. There is a very real danger that if there is any prolonged contact then some of these Indians will die."

Mr Mazower added: "These people have a right to be left alone. Both Peruvian and international law has recognised

Helen Newing, a biologist who has studied the situation, believes that the Mashco-Piro face disaster. "There is a real danger they could disappear al-

together," she said. The area of Pern where the peoples live, Madre de Dios, is split into two prospecting areas known as Block 77 and Block 78, each around 1.5 million hectares, where the govern-ment has approved exploration. Little is known about the

mainly hunter-gatherer group, rows at an exploratory team. not even their name for themselves. They bave been called "Mashco-Piro" because they appear to have a language similar to the Piro people. Ms



that the group had been trying to avoid outsiders, probably because they were aware of what had happened to their neighbours.

There are believed to be a to-

in the area, including the Amahuaca and the Yaminahua Mobil yesterday denied there had been three encounters, and said that a detailed investigation at the weekend found only two

of those involved bad proved to be a sighting of a loggers' village, rather than an Indian one, and in the other a seismic worker on a rest hreak reported seeing the back of a naked

hair" walking 30 metres away He said that the company's strict policy was to ensure no contact with the Indians and that staff - including those among the seismic subcontractors - were all given medical cbecks and environ-

mental "sensitivity" training. A team of anthropologists and other experts was on standby in case inadvertent contact should occur.

We want to reassure people that we are taking all possible

people and the environment.

A spokesman for Shell said the circumstances of the events in 1985 were not clear, but that any lessons learned would be incorporated into

the spokesman said.

Sunbeds banned in alert over skin cancers risk

Health Editor

Two local councils have banned simbeds from leisure centres on health grounds, it cmerged yesterday as a leading skin spe-cialist urged an outright ban on the beds in all publicly-funded chibs and centres.

Dr Jonathan Norris, a consultant dermatologist at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary in Scotland, is urging colleagues nationally to put pressure on their local councils to remove sunbeds.

Their use for cosmetic tanling must be re-examined as evidence grows that ultraviolet A radiation - the type of rays provided by sunbeds - is a promoter of skin cancers including the life-threatening melanoma. He said:"The medical profession should be more critical of sunbed salons that operate purely for financial gain."

Skin cancer is increasing hy about 10 per cent a year and there are about 40,000 new cases diagnosed annually. Melanoma is increasing by about

cases a year. Despite strong Government public health messages designed to stop people sunbathing naturally or using ar-tificial sources, sunbeds remain popular and there has been a recent explosion in high-street

walk-in tanning shops.

A survey by the Office for National Statistics, found that one in 10 women and 7 per cent of men had used sunbeds in the past year. Almost one in four of these women exceeded the maximum limit of 20 sessions a year, that is recommended by the British Photodermatology Group. One in 10 users said that they had spent more than 30.

minutes at a time on beds. In a letter to the British Medical Journal, Dr Norris writes: "The promotion of machines whose only function is to produce radiation damage to the skin, which may ultimately promote skin cancer, should play no part in the operational policy of modern local councils pro-

fessing to have the best interest of their constituents at heart. Councils may argue that they

Why a muse and a model is parting with 500 dolls. Page 5 sunbeds by the public, but this demand is led by ignorance and should be rejected."

In February, Caradon District Council in Liskeard, Cornwall, removed sunbeds from one of its leisure centres, and has decided not to provide them in two new centres which it has opened since. In June, Dumfries and Galloway Council removed sunbeds from five locations in south-west Scotland, following consideration of reports about the dangers of cosmetic tanning, including one that was submitted by Dr Norris.

A spokesman for Dumfries and Galloway said that it had decided to but "public bealth before financial income". No formal complaints from the public had been received, she added, although people had asked attendants at the centre why the decision had been tak-

en to remove the heds. Dr Norris said that now that a precedent had been set, all local authorities should seriously consider closing down their sunbed facilities. "Doctors, and dermatologists in particular, should pressure them to do so," he writes.

were irresponsibly misleading people into associating sunbeds with health and fitness. He it?" she said.

5 per cent, with about 4,000 new are catering for a demand for said: "Sumbeds at council-run leisure centres are very common. When you get a leisure facility operated by a council, designed for bealth and fitness, very often they'll throw in a sunbed, and the reason they

do so is for profit. "I think councils should operate higher moral and ethical standards. It's enough of an up-hill struggle educating people about skin cancer without local authorities promoting what I'm fighting against."

A spokesman for the Asso-

ciation of County Councils said yesterday that local authorities always considered public safety and kept a close eye on the medical evidence related to sunbeds, and that users were ad-

vised accordingly.

No one from the The Sumbed Association, which represents some high-street tanning salons was available to comment on Dr

Norris's claims yesterday.

The manager of The Gentry, a beauty salon in east London. which provides two sunbeds for its customers, said her establishment did not tell people about specific health risks linked to their use.

so," he writes.

Speaking yesterday, Dr dangers, and they've read about it like we all have. I thin it is up to them if they want to take the risk, it's their decision, isn't



French undressing: From Lacrobx, a short ruffled black organiza coat-dress over cream embroidered lace lingerie Photograph: Jack Dabaghian/Reuters

Lacroix still a master of the mix

TAMSIN BLANCHARD

It was African, 18th-century with a little hit of Mozart madness thrown in for good measure. Christian Lacroix, the master of eccentric French dressing, showed an upbeat but disciplined collection yesterday. There were bright mixes of colour, fine woven fabrics, and bright abstract patterns.

Sitting on the front row was Alexander
McQueen, the British designer tipped for the
job at Givenchy when John Galliano moved to
Diot in time for the couture house's 50 year anniversary in January. He has been attending shows this week, including Rifat Ozbek and Ann Demeulemeester on Wednesday night. He is not commenting on whether or not he's been offered, or indeed is taking the Givenchy job. Lacroix is thought to have turned down the job at Givenchy in the summer: his label is owned by the all-powerful LVMH conglomerate which also owns Givenchy and Dior. The Turkish-born British-based designer

Rifat Ozbek showed his collection in the Moulin Rouge. The collection was almost entirely in black, dedicated to "Decadent Dehutantes, Trustafarians and Aristocracks in Africa". The designer used the season's transparent fabrics to make fencing tunics.

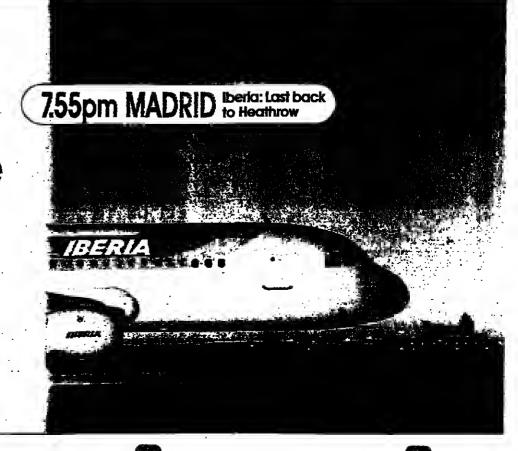
stretched tube dresses with ruffles tiers and decorated others with jet beading and feathers. The Belgian designer Ann Demeulemeester showed a collection of classic tailoring and simple jersey dresses worn by androgynous male and female models which, at times, were

difficult to tell apart. The collections continue today with Vivienne Westwood, who shows this afternoon.



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Author comes to hate her homage to elderly women

DAVID LISTER

National Poetry Day yesterday found an unlikely heroine with an unlikely response to being judged one of the nation's best loved poets. Jenny Joseph, 64, claims that the poem that has placed her above the likes of John Betjeman, Dylan Thomas, Sylvia Plath, Seamus Heaney and Philip Larkin in the nation's affections, is completely untypical of her work. And she is irritated by its success.

Indeed, from her Gloucestershire cottage she has instructed her agent to restrict its appearance. "I think," said her publisher. Neil Astley, at Blood-axe Publishing yesterday, "that she has grown to hate it."

The poem, called "Warning", which is a homage to elderly women behaving badly, is the frontrunner to win the BBC's countrywide poll to find The Nation's Favourite Poem. Phone-lines closed at noon yesterday and the result will not be announced until tonight on BBC Television. Ms Joseph's poem was ahead of all its rivals

just hours before polling closed. Her national popularity is now outshining poets who are how outstining poets who are household names. Born in the same year as Sylvia Plath, she has been publishing prize-winning poetry since 1960. But, though gregarious herself, she has never heen a part of the London literati, though she may well have entertained some of them - with her husband, she ran a pub in Shepherd's Bush,

west London, in the mid-Sixties. Ms Joseph grew up in Buck-inghamshire, the daughter of Jewish though not religious parents. During the Second World War, she was evacuated to Devon, where the landscape

made a lasting impression upon her. At St Hilda's College Ox- was "Warning", her 1974 ironford she was the Senior Scholar of her year. She then worked as a reporter on the Oxford Mail and later on *Drum* in South Africa, but was expelled from the country.

With her husband, Terry, from whom she is now separated, she brought up three children, ran a pub and became a tutor with The Workers'

for nation's favourite poem

Education Association. She has lectured on poetry in Britain and abroad. She says she wrote as a child "to hold the world". Later she became interested

in what she termed the experiences of "ordinary citizens". She published lengthy narrative po-ems such as "The Life and Turgid Times of a Citizen", mixtures of contemporary dialogue, and passages of lyrical beauty. She has also written a novel, fables, and fairy stories. Often noted for a sardonic didacticism, her tales include - "Cutting off one's ears for

ic dramatic monologue on hopes of future unrespectability, that guaranteed her immortality. Philip Larkin im-mediately included it in his The Oxford Book of Twentieth Century English Verse.

Judith Palmer, head of Poetry International, Britain's biggest poetry festival at the South Bank Centre, said yesterday: Tenny Joseph is certainly irritated by the success of this poem. Poets want to shout what about my other achieve-ments'. Jenny is well-regarded in poetry circles, but she's not a public poet."

The popularity of "Warning" may spring from its inclu-sion in a number of school anthologies and Fleur Adcock's Anthology of 20th Century Poetry. In the United States so many people have photocopied and distributed the poem that its authorship has frequently got "lost" along the way. According to Mr Astley, "people in America tend to claim that their grandmother wrote it".

"Warning" is also viewed by

some as a consummate example of the "popular poem". According to Judith Palmer, "it's the sort of poem that covers all bases and offends no one. It's anthologisable. It's a striking one-off party piece".

Ms Joseph was not at home

yesterday, and unavailable for comment, her profile as enig-Michael Heath, page 17



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The poet John Hegley (above) composed this poem exclusively for photographer Brian Harris yesterday at the Plazza at Covent Garden when he was appearing with other poets in a National Poetry Day event. Hegley is well known for his concise works.

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By Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me. And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter. I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells And run my stick along the public railings And make up for the sobriety of my youth. I shall go out in my slippers in the min And pick the flowers in other people's gardens And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat And eat three pounds of sausages at a go Or only bread and pickle for a week And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry And pay our rent and not swear in the street And set a good example for the children. We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little now? So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

Informant 'hired as hit man' in feud

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

A police informant warned his handlers that he had been hired for a contract killing and then went ahead with an attempt to assassinate a man with family links to the criminal underworld, a court heard yesterday.

An Old Bailey jury was told that police marksmen, posing as gas workers, lay in wait for Michael Boyle, 48, as he carried out the hit in south London.

Mr Boyle, from Duhlin, had fired three bullets into Anthony Brindle, his intended victim. and was "intent on finishing him off" when two armed officers opened fire hitting him five times, said Nigel Sweeney, pros-

ecuting. Both men survived. The shooting was part of a bloody feud between a south London family, the Brindles, and others with underworld

connections, the jury was told. Mr Sweeney revealed that before coming to England, Mr Boyle had been working as an informant for the Garda in Dublin. He allegedly told the police of a plan to murder members of the Brindle family in London and admitted that he had been recruited to carry

out one of the contract killings. He was warned by the Dublin police that he must distance himself from the hit and was told that they intended to inform the London police of the plot, the jury heard.

Mr Boyle then turned "rogue informant" as far as the Dublin police were concerned and secretly returned to London, said

Mr Sweeney.

He denied attempting to murder Mr Brindle outside his home in Rotherhithe, south London, on 20 September last year. He has also denied possession of two high powered handguns with intent to en-danger life.

The prosecution alleges he was armed by David Roads, who acted as quartermaster in the operation. Mr Roads, 52, from south London denies attempted murder and possession of

Mr Boyle and Mr Roads were part of a plot to murder Anthony Brindle and possibly his brothers, Patrick and George, the court heard.

Mr Boyle told the police that a well known Dublin criminal, George Mitchell, was arranging to hit the Brindles on behalf of his friend, Peter Daly. Ignoring the police warning to stay out of the plan, Mr Boyle disguised in a wig, drove in a stolen van to the square where his victim lived. Mr Boyle had a Browning semi automatic pistol and a fully loaded Magnum with him, said Mr Sweeney. But police had learned of the plan and two armed officer hid in the

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square inside a British Gas van. But the police were taken by surprise. As Mr Brindle emerged from his home and walked to his car Mr Boyle opened fire from inside the van, hitting his victim in the elbow, chest and thighs.

As Mr Brindle ran back to his house in a bid to escape, Mr Boyle allegedly got out of the van to chase him. "He was holding his gun with seven bullets still in it - obviously intent on finishing him off," the prosecution told the jury.

The two armed officers got out of the gas van and chal-lenged Mr Boyle. When he refused to stop they fired, hitting him in the elbow, chest, shoulder blades and left heel, the

court was told. The case continues.



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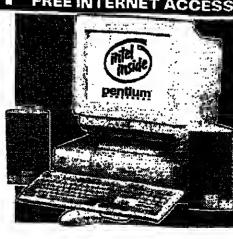
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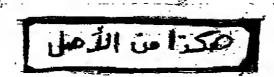
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CHARLIE BAIN

The Secretary of State for National Heritage, Virginia Bottomley, yesterday signed an order banning the hard-core pornographic satellite television channel Rendez-Vous.

Announcing the ban to applause at the Tory party con-ference. Mrs Bottomley said that hard-core pornography was unacceptable and that new channels must not mean lower standards. She said she was banning the selling of "smart cards" which give viewers access, because as a "politician and a parent" she would not tolerate gratuitous violence and filth on television.

Television is a powerful medium, she said. "It is overwhelmingly a force for good. I want it to open up opportunities for our children. I do not want television to deliver a squalid diet of filth and degradation ... the British public can be assured that we will use all available powers to ensure standards are maintained. Protecting the welfare of our children is our paramount concern.

The Paris-based Rendez-Vous

channel began broadcasting in September last year. With Britain as one of its main targets, it included in its schedules Eng-lish and French porn stars ad-

vertising mail-order sex aids.
It is the third hard-core pornography channel to be banned in the last three years. In 1993 the channel Red Hot Dutch was outlawed and two years later Britain was the first European country to issue a proscription order on TV Erotica, billed as "Europe's hottest adult movie channel".

All three stations are part of a wider spectrum of similar channels available in Britain, broadcasting hard-core pornography from abroad without a licence from the Independent Television Commission. Such stations do not sell subscriptions in Britain and, although there is a black market in pirate decoders and smartcards, disable pirate viewers by changing their

encryption codes. The ITC has issued licences to a number of soft-porn channels which are supposed to pass an "18" film certificate to qualify. Among these is the Adult Channel, despite receiving a formal warning from the

legally in uncrypted form. Others to have licences are the Adam and Eve channel, Play-boy TV, TVX Pantasy Channel, and Babylon Blue, which is backed by Sunday Sport own-er David Sullivan.

The Adam and Eve channel sparked outrage last year when it unveiled plans to screen pay-per-view films as early as 10pm and Playboy TV was plunged into controversy when the Methodist Church and the Church of England sold their shares in BSkyB, which has a stake in the channel, in protest at it's lamuch.

Roger Kingsbourg, the man-ager of Rendez-Vous, yesterday stressed that the move would not affect the station's broadcasts which British viewers with smart cards would continue to

Speaking from the channel's Paris headquarters, he told BBC Radio 4's World at One programme: "It will not stop us at all. How can you ban a smart card? That is technically im-possible. It is the possession of a private person, which they are entitled to use."

Lifelong passions: Dolls go under the hammer to save collector's museum



Out of the dolls' house: members of Mrs Vierny's collection who are leaving home to raise cash for a new museum Photograph: Nicholas Turpin Sotheby's doll sale should fetch £3m

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LOUISE JURY

The owner of some of the world's finest dolls is to sell her collection to save her other great passion - a museum dedicated to the sculptor who im-mortalised her. Mrs Dina Vierny, the muse and model for the artist Aristide Maillol, is to offer her 500 dolls, together with dolls' houses and automata, for auction at Sotheby's in London this month.

The proceeds, conservatively expected to exceed £3m will go towards her recently-opened museum in Paris. The ambitious plan for a grand exhibition of Mr Millol's works, which were left to Mrs Vierny when the artist died in 1944, has run

seriously over-budget, and in a toss-up between the two collections, the sculpture won.

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Speaking from the museum in the rue de Grenelle, Paris, yesterday, Mrs Vierny, 77, said: "I am very sad. But the transformation of the museum has been expensive and I have to pay the bank. I collected the dolls over almost 50 years. But for this,

I am willing to sacrifice them." The collection amounts to more than 650 items and made Mrs Vierny one of the world's last great doll collectors, according to Bunny Campione, Sotheby's dolls expert. Mrs Campione said: "It is just stun-ning, a lifetime collection of real dedication to something she

A George 11 wooden doll estimate up to £35,000

terrible for her to see it going 1876. One of them is believed under the hammer." Mrs Vierny was born in Rusof Jumeau on the instructions

ly age. She was friends with the the World Exposition in writers Andre Gidé and Jacques Philadelphia that coincided with Prevert, and posed for Ma-America's centenary. Another rarity is a doll made at the beginning of this centutisse, Bonnard and Dufy. But it was with Maillol, this famous trio's lesser-known friend, that ry by the German Kammer and she was most closely connect-ed. She acted as model for his Reinhardt factory that Mrs Campione bought from Sothe-by's on Mrs Vierny's behalf

austere sculptures of the human

dolls made in France around

body and he left her the copyfor, at the time in 1989, a world right to all his work when he died. Highlights of the two-day record price of £90,000. Mrs Campione said: "I had sale on 17 and 18 October will to ring her at midnight and I was be several dolls each expected absolutely horrified I'd done the to fetch tens of thousands of wrong thing." She find, howevpounds. The most valuable are er, that she had not. two rare hisque swivel-headed

The oldest dolls in the sale are an English mother and baby pair made in wood by an to have been made by the firm unknown but skilled woodworker at around 1690 and

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ton school of economics - an umbelievable figure blown out of all proportion, with no visible means of "Last week the Sun fell for Tony Blair's speech. This week they fell for the so-called Diana tapes. Two fakes in a fortnight." Michael Heseitine

"Some Euro-sceptics gloat over the thought of post-defeat bloodbaths; purges on the scale of Stalin...Let old polecats do what they do best and sit in their trees spitting." Tom Spencer MEP

"In order to win we need three extra policies - unity, unity and unity." Michael Portillo

"Oh, they do like to lie beside the seaside." Labour re-buttal unit



Kenneth Clarke Brian Mawhinney hostile reception proved unfounded. Wittly trod the

party chairman pro from Labour only to have him unmasked as a Tory activist

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THE CROWD-PULLERS ON THE FRINGE Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, full-blooded attack on the xenophobia of the SNP, 200

people.

Norman Lamont, calling for the abolition of the top rate of income tax and a single standard rate, 90 people

ERIC CANTONISM OF THE DAY

"You can make a free market with a thousand chick-ens. Can you make a free market with 1,000 chick-ens and two or three foxes?" Belgian Euro-sceptic baffling Norman Lamont on the fringe

THE PARTIES TO BE SEEN AT

The Saatchi party, drinks with newly ennobled Lord Hesketh's party in his suite at the European Commission - spot the sceptics ac-cepting Brussels hospitality at the Highcliff

Jim Davidson, comedian, and Patti Boulaye, soul singer, guests at the Conference Ball

RAPTUREMETER

Michael Heseltine Deputy Prime Minister Kenneth Clarke Chancellor of the Exchequer Gillian Shephard Education

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Virginia Bottomley

Clarke toes single currency line

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The golden rule of Tary policy was that taxes would only be cut when it could be afforded, Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the

Exchequer, said yesterday. He told the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth that sticking to that rule was an essential prerequisite for carning and keeping the trust of the British people.

Labour immediately de-

nounced Mr Clarke for saying that the Torics were instinctive

History

becomes

a Tory

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O AVID A ARONOVITCH It was a day of transformations and continuities in Bourne-

mouth. Continuities came first,

as the Thries made speeches about the National Heritage. And within minutes we were

plunged into heated dissent, Tory conference-style,

A woman delegate wished,

she said, to oppose that section of the motion that called upon

the Government in remind the

world of the unique contributinn of Britain to culture, democracy and cooking (I think

it was cooking). Why? Surely

she wasn't about to castigate the

movers for their incredible ar-

rogance, or tn ask why so few

Italians, Americans or Japanese

stow away on planes and boats,

seeking by hook or crook to

make their homes in Kings Cross, or Sauchiehall Street?

No such luck. "The rest of the world," she declared, "does

not need reminding. They cnvy our traditions and admire nur

culture." Of course, 'sobvious.

If you live in the country of

Leonardo, the Colosseum and

tax-cutters - having introduced 22 tax increases since the 1992 election, including the impositinn of value-added tax on domestic power and fuel bills.

Mr Clarke said that the successful economies of the modern world would be the lowtax economies. But he added: "Affordable tax cuts are good for the economy. Unaffordable tax cuts can only damage the economy." That was why the key to tax cuts in next month's Budget was tight control over public spending, while ensuring that priority areas like schools, hos-

pitals and the police were properly funded.

Flowever, the main focus of the Chancellor's speech was the section dealing with the European single currency - the ultra-sensitive area that left the Tories so damagingly divided up to the conference season.

Mr Clarke told representatives that there was more that united them than divided them nn Europe. They all supported a partnership of nations, the single market, free-market economics, budget-cutting and the fight against fraud.

States of Europe, the social chapter, protectionism and

over-regulation. said: "We have business to do in Europe, and we must therefore play a powerful part in determining how business is to be done in Europe.

"It is no good creating a modern enterprise economy in Britain, if we do not defend the interests of that enterprise economy in Europe.

"Now economic and mone-

fluencing it, and defending the every stage, we have the right Sticking rigidly to the agreed interests of the British econo-Cabinet line, the Chancellor my. If a Euro-zone is created in the middle of our single market,

> whatever choice - in or out - we make on membership. "The Prime Minister was abwould be a dereliction of re-

"When we do decide,

we will be directly affected,

sponsibility.' It is in Britain's interest to keep our options open.

tary union is on the agenda. The Prime Minister and I intend to be there, talking about it, in-

to say no. If it was decided to join the single currency in the next Parliament, there would be a ref-

erendum, he said. Mr Clarke then added his voice to the appeal for unity. solutely right to say. For us to saying: Let us spend the next opt out of the debate now six months and the election uniting behind that policy, attacking the Labour Party, talking about the economy, and winning the next election."



Hands up: Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, soaks up the applause after his conference address yesterday .

Take That, HMS Belfast and

Spudulike. But, as Virginia Bottomley made clear, heritage is not just British, it is Tory. First she referred to something called "John Major's National Lot-tery" (a bit like Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalypse Now). Then she appeared to lay claim to a series of British monuments, including Stonehenge. Which solves one mystery that has baffled archaeologists - the massive stone circle was huilt by

Conservatives.

and with him the first of the transformations, that of the orgasmic Defence Secretary into a tedinusly responsible politician. There was no declaration of war on imaginary enemies, no hlood-curdling call to repel Belgian phantasms. Instead we got Little Noddy's guide to Tory defence policy and the armed forces, all in one-syllable

The hair was slightly calmer too, his keratinous wings had been clipped, and the whole lot Michael Portillo came next greased. His tie was a pattern know our parents. They do not. But this is no bad thing. Unlike lost power.

bayonets. With his terrific suits, sculpted, heavy features and large lips, he now looks like a cross between an up-market mannequin and an expensive ventriloquist's dummy - Educating Versace.

This was his closing perora-tion as I recall it: "Britain is hack. They want to throw it all away. We will not let them. We relish the challenge. We know our duty. We offer ourselves to the people. We wear good suits.

Thank you." Polite applause followed. Not only was there no orgasm, there hadn't even been any beavy breathing.

That was left for Kenneth

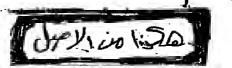
Clarke, the week's surprise package. He certainly ought to be popular, the economy is expanding, incomes are expanding, employment is expanding and - above all - he is expanding. And it isn't inflation, it's real. His features are retreating just begun to understand. He is now swept back and heavily They want to take them off. We as his ruddy face engulfs them.

of soft fruits rather than crossed They want to eat you. It's our defence secretaries, say, well-beround. Together we will huy it. ing in chancellors has historically been measured by girth. Remember the Lawson boom?

Ken said nothing he hasn't said for years, claimed no mo promised no more, yet prilonged acclamation transformed him from villain to hero. But why? What effort of will made him the conference darling? He was transformed by something that suffuses Tories here. Something they have only was transformed by the fear n







Heseltine rounds on Goldsmith's poll party

Chief Political Correspondent

Sir James Goldsmith bore the brunt of a blazing attack on the Government's critics by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, who yesterday accused the millionaire Refer-endum Party leader of commuting from his mansions abroad to threaten the Tories with defeat at home.

The speech drew a stamping, shouting ovation from the conference faithful, and it is expected to herald the beginning of an all-out attack on the Referendum Party by Tory leaders. He finished by signalling V for victory and five more years in office.

Mr Heseltine also turned his fire on the Tory Euro-sceptic rebels, warning them in the hluntest terms that the Tories could face 17 years in opposition like Labour if they appeared di-vided at the next election.

"Let me be frank - if you want Labour in power, just go on behaving the way Labour behaved. That kept them in opposition for 17 years," he said. If they continued to cause divisions "at a time of maximum damage" to the party, they would deserve "utter contempt".

But the Deputy Prime Minister reserved his most withering blast for the leader of the of Europe. Referendum Party. It was a high-risk strategy, raising Sir lames's credibility, and there was some questioning in the the Tory leadership that it was Heseltine camp before deciding to go ahead with the attack.

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The party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, was cautious about criticising Tory supporters of the

week after it was disclosed that former Tory treasurer, Lord McAlpine, had defected and would be chairing Sir James's

party conference next week. But Mr Heseltine decided to take off the gloves. His success with the audience yesterday means his attack is almost certain to be followed up with a co-ordinated attack on the Referendum Party by the Tory leadership in the run-up to the election.

"Do you really want Labour to win?" Mr Heseltine told Sir James. "I say this to you. You're hicky. As you commute between the luxury of your hacienda in Mexico, your chateau in France, and your palazzo in Venice, just

"We would have to stay here. We would have to suffer under them [Labour]."

The Tory high command has been trying to avoid a confrontation with Sir James and his high-profile candidates, including the former Thatcher economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters. Some Euro-sceptic MPs at Bournemouth have been pre-dicting that at least 150 MPs and candidates will give clear support in their election addresses to the Referendum Party's demands for a national referendum on Britain's membership

The Independent has learned that John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister, reported to possible Sir James would back down if the Government offered two referendums on a common market or common government. The Tory party rejected



COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

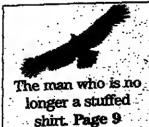
Michael Portillo yesterday closed Cabinet ranks against Tory rebels calling for a change of policy on the European single currency, and won a standing ovation with a call for

"unity, unity, unity". The Secretary of State for Defence's "comeback" speech marked his rehabilitation as one of the leading right-wing candi-dates for the fory leadership and sent a clear message to his Eurosceptic supporters to end the

public splits over Europe. "One thing that has always marked the Conservative Party apart is its will to govern and its determination to win. But I tell this conference: in order to win we need three extra policies

 unity, unity, unity.

Mr Portillo became the third
Euro-sceptic Cabinet minister in two days, following Michael Howard and Peter Lilley, to call for unity behind John Major's



"wait and see" approach, iso-lating those outside the Government, including John Redwood, who want to rule out Britain's entry into a single Euгореан ситепсу.

Sources close to Mr Portillo told The Independent the Defence Secretary has privately warned Euro-sceptics on the backbench that they risk losing the election by causing divisious in the party, and being blamed for a general election defeat.

"He has told the Euro-sceptics that John Major will not change the policy, and they would be better off attacking Labour," said one close friend.

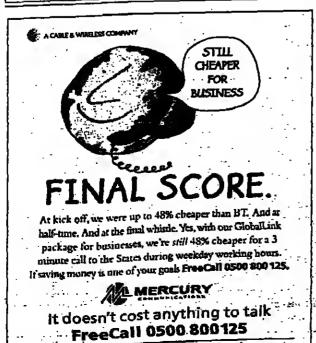
Mr Portillo's call for unity produced the loudest cheers for his speech in the defence de-bate. His supporters said his performance had repaired the damage to his reputation caused last year at the conference when he invoked the SAS to show his own strength as De-

fence Secretary.

Doubts were raised about his judgement after last year's speech, and he was eclipsed on the Euro-sceptic right by Mr Redwood, but his supporters said his performance yesterday had recaptured his reputation as Margaret Thatcher's natur-

al long-term successor.

"Margaret Thatcher set the tone for the week, and the Euro-sceptics are rallying be-hind. Michael's speech was serious, and brilliant."



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Hacked off: Dr Mawhinney (left) with Marco Forgione, the Tories' wayward 'defector'

Mawhinney's defective ploy

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The story of the "defector who wasn't" should have been good news for Brian Mawhinney yes-terday, Instead, the Tory chair-man found himself fleeing into the conference centre pursued by journalists.

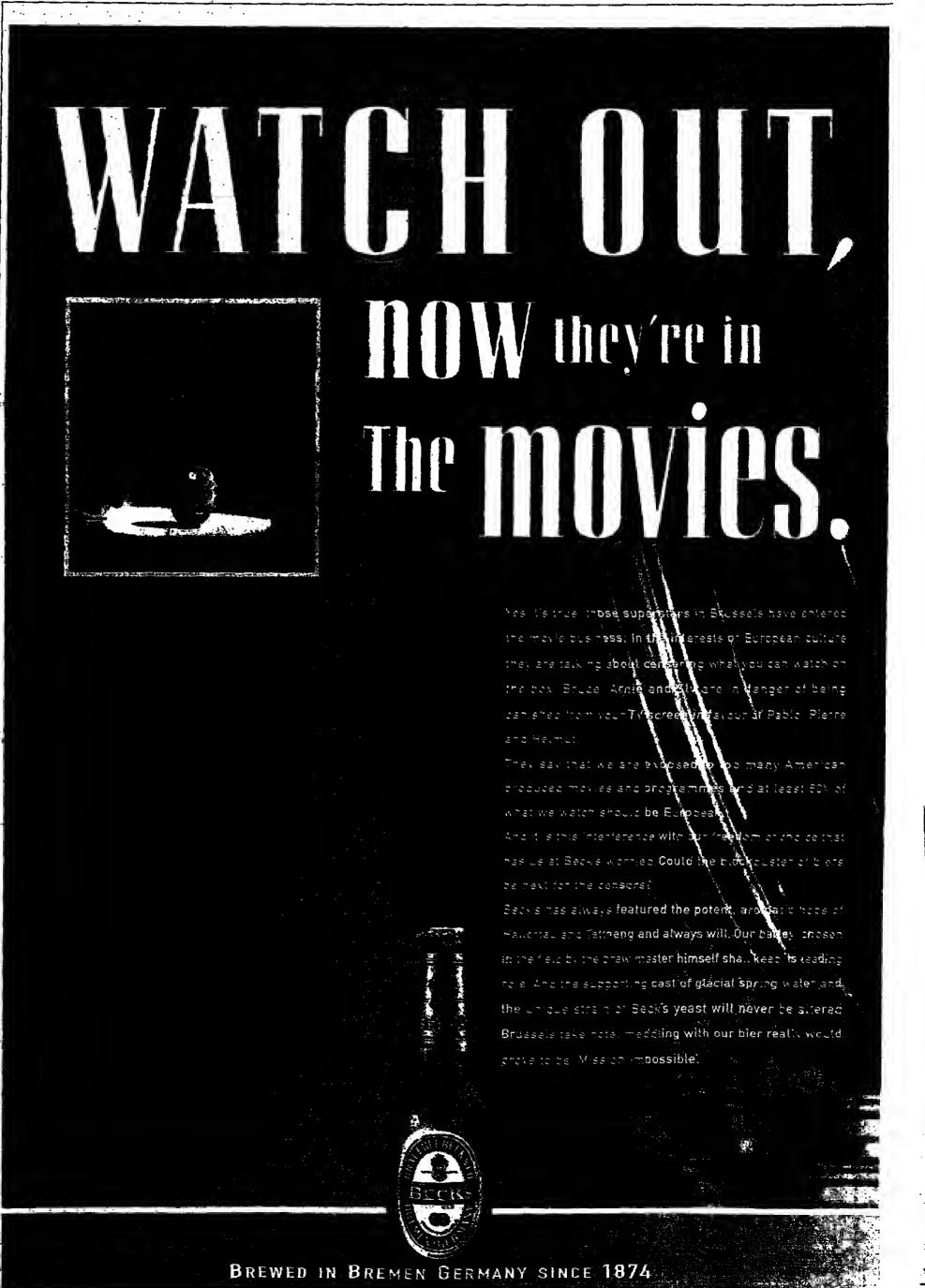
When his recruit admitted at a seaside news conference that he had never been a Labour member, Dr Mawhinney cut questions short and fled to the hall with his charge. Marco For-gione, 26, a caterer from Yewil, once worked for the Labour MP Keith Vaz but a Tory news release saying he had once "jnined the socialists" turned out to be misleading.

Asked if he bad ever been a Labour member, Mr Forgione said he was "a firm supporter" efore admitting he had never held a party card. Later, he said he once voted Labour in a local election and had "abstained" in the 1992 election. He had been a "parliamen-

tary assistant, adviser and speechwriter" to Mr Vaz, a spokesman on environment issues. Mr Vaz issued a statement saying: " ... While he briefly worked with me in 1993-94 he showed no interest in politics. He was never involved in any party political issues."

Mr Forgione said he had "very much enjoyed working for Mr Vaz but did not like Labour's "while ethos". Prompted by a Tory press officer, he singled out the European Social Chapter and national The stary later took a new

twist as It emerged Mr Forgione's non-defection had occurred some time ago. Yeovil Liberal Democrats said he had been an active Tory locally for about two years. "He is a frequent correspondent in the local paper in support of the Conservative cause, nften writing from the local Tory HQ," suid a Liberal Democrat spokesman. Mr Forgione said he jnined the party last year.



Schools gain new power to ban disrupters

Tougher rules will exclude unruly pupils from class but parents' right to appeal is sliding מסחר אנוסחר Education Editor

New powers for schools to exclude disruptive pupils were amounced yesterday by Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment. Her announcement came as new research revealed that the dice in exclusion cases are already weighted heavily against parents and children and in favour of schools An education Bill to be pub-

lished shortly will limit parents' right to choose a school once their child had been excluded twice. It will also give schools the right to representation at independent appeal panels on ex-clusions and will impose on panels the duty to consider the interests of other school children.

Yet research from London University's Institute of Education shows that appeals pan-els overturn heads' and governors' decisions in only 0.5 per cent of cases. Dr David Gillborn's review of exclusions research shows that many pupils are being excluded for comparatively minor cases of in discipline, a breach of Government rules.

Parents who try to challenge beads' and governors' decisions face find schools do not tell them of their rights. The injustice of many exclusion decisions is all the more serious because fewer than one in three ex-



Out of favour: Richard Wilding, 13, is one schoolboy who, already expelled from Glaisdale School, Nottingham, knows the ignominy of failing to live up to previous expectations Photograph: Edward Sykes

school, according to the study.
The research challenges commonly-held views about exclusion. Only a minority of upils is permanently excluded for bullying and attacking other pupils and teachers, says Dr Gillborn. "In practice, there-

fore, exclusion is used much

more widely than the official de-finition would allow."

Only 3.2 per cent of parents lodge an appeal against their child's exclusion, according to the research. Parents are often not given the information they need about appeals, and sometimes their rights are denied.

The proceedings may be unfair to parents because schools fail to tell them in advance of all the allegations against their chil-

dren, says Dr Gillborn. Mrs Shephard said schools will also be able to exclude pupils for longer periods. At present, they are able to ban a tract promising to obey school

child for a maximum of 15 days a term or permanently exclude them. The hill will extend the limit to 45 days. Teachers will be allowed to detain pupils after school without parental consent, and refuse to admit a child unless parents sign a con-

rules. Education authorities will have to draw up plans to help schools deal with disruptive pupils and educate children who are permanently excloded.

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Headteachers welcomed the proposals to tighten up disci-pline but Nigel de Gruchy, gen-eral secretary of the National

and Union of Women Teachers, said: "Overall the proposals fail lamentably to match up to the threat posed by the developing crisis of hard-core vio-lence and disruption being perpetrated by a small but con-stantly rising number of young-

Association of Schoolmasters sters. There is an emerging and Union of Women Teachers, second generation of violent disrupters whose parents are at the root of the problem." Mr de Gruchy's union recootly threatened to strike in several schools following the overturning of a decision to permanently exclude disruptive pupils.

Rio summit's green pledges to be broken

NICHOLAS SCHOON

The great majority of developed countries will fail to keep Rio Earth Summit promises to sta-bilise rising emissions of green-house gases, oil company executives and civil servants were told yesterday.

Lee Solsbury, a senior official with the International Energy Agency told an oil industry forecasts from the countries themselves showed their total annual emissions of carbon dioxide, the most important of the man-made greenhouse gases, would rise by between 8 and 14 per cent between 1990 and

Yet at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 presidents and prime ministers of the rich countries signed a treaty in which they undertook to freeze emissions at their 1990 level by the end of the century.

Every year since then, their overall output of climate changing CO2, produced by burning fossil fuels, has gone on rising, said Mr Solsbury. "Emissions are likely to grow substantially in the absence of further goverament intervention," he concluded. His agency is part of the OECD, the club of wealthy developed nations.

land, Luxembourg, Germany and Britain. The first two hardly count, since they only make a minuscule contribution to global CO2 output.

Britain and Germany are world leaders in pressing for countries to take the global warming threat seriously, but their emissioo cuts are mainly the result of historical flukes.

Britain has recently almost seminar in Paris that the latest closed down its coal industry, and coal is the fuel which produces most CO2 per unit of energy. Gas, which produces far less, has been substituted. And with German unification the notoriously energy-inefficient heavy industries of Eastern Germanyare being shut down or modernised.

For the rest of the developed world CO2 emissions are fore-2000. Yet environmental orcast to carry on rising beyond Union are calling for post-2000 cuts, to protect bumanity from the threat of destructive climate change in the next century.

A tougher climate change treaty is due to be negotiated between states by the end of next year. But it looks unlikely to actieve any substantial reductions in the world's growth in CO2 emissions, now rising at 2 per cent a year.

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Police volunteers to have CS sprays

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

CLARE GARNER

social commentators yesterday

described the Prime Minister's

candy-striped party conference

performance as sexy, youthful, blokeish - eveo Blairish.

as he's going to get," the fash-ion writer Robin Dutt said. "He

looked positively sexy - fresh,

This look is about as Oasis

happier, younger,

Part-time volunteer police of ficers are to be armed with CS sprays in a move that has out raged civil liberty campaigners who believe the public could be endangered.

Specials are much members of the public members of t endangered.

Yorkshire are to be given several hours of training before they are equipped with the trol and during other operational duties. Other forces are expected to adopt a similar died in police custody in east policy. Constabularies throughout England and Wales were given the go-ahead last August to issue CS sprays.

The civil rights group Liberty yesterday expressed deep concern about the development and argued that unpaid officers with limited experience should not be armed with such poten-

tially dangerous equipment.

The incapacitant takes immediate effect and causes streaming eyes and nose, eyelid spasm, breathing difficulties, and in some cases blistering of the skin. Two chief constables of the Surrey and Hertfordshire forces - are refusing to arm their officers with CS spray because of the possible side-effects.

The spray was introduced to tackle the growing number of attacks on police officers. Six-month trials held earlier this year resulted in a drop in the oumber of assaults. CS sprays were used on 582 occasions during which five people oeeded hospital treatment but no one

suffered long-term damage.

John Wadham, director of Liberty, said: "We are already

CS gas sprays by full-time trained officers. Giving special

the sprays when confronted with difficult situations than the far more experienced full-

time regular police officers." they are equipped with the hand-held devices while on pa-cases in which they argue CS spray was incorrectly used. One last March involved a man who Londoo after CS gas was sprayed into his face although his arms were handcuffed behind his back. However, the police have stressed that a post-mortem examination found that Ibrahima Sey, 29, was suffering from heart ase. In the second case a group of nightclubbers is to sue Merseyside Police after officers

allegedly released CS spray into their coach, and shut the doors. But Tony Lidgate, spokesman for North Yorkshire police, which has about 350 special constables, defended the force decision to arm the volunteers." He said: "Nobody in the force will go out with a CS spray until they have been fully trained by police instructors. We believe our specials should be properly protected. They are people who are giving their own time and putting their life and limb on the line for the community."

A Home Office spokes-woman added: "If chief constables want to equip their specials with CS spray it is en-tirely up to them. The chief constables are there to ensure that all officers are properly trained."

Half of smokers risk death by 70s

Lifelong smokers are about half as likely to reach the age of 73 as non-smokers, according to a report which estimates for the first time the impact of tobacco on the survival prospects of British men.

The British Regional Heart Study followed up more than 7,700 men for up to 15 years, and found that those who had started smoking by the age of 20 and never quit had a 42 per cent chance of reaching 73, compared with 78 per cent of men who had never smoked.

Dr Andrew Phillips of the Royal Free Hospital, London, said the new data would help people - particularly the young

dangers of smoking. By the end of the study in December 1993, 127 life-long non-smokers had died compared with 560 lifelong smokers. Causes of death potentially related to smoking in-cluded heart disease and lung disease and cancer, including of the mouth, throat, pancreas,

respiratory and urinary systems from a single representative GP's practice in 24 towns in Britain, were between 40 and 59 when entered into the study between 1978 and 1980, according to the report in tomorrow's issue of the British Medical Journal. More than three-quarters had smoked at some time in their life and the average age of smoking their first eigerette was 16. room

A debate where the

Off the cuff: Major's exposure has promted Andrew Neil to put his jacket on but Tony Blair, ilke the Prime Minister, knows the look goes down well. For Michael Douglas in the film 'Wall Street',

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Showing his shirt is Major's way of baring his soul Sexy, youthful and a step closer to Oasis, possibly, but the Prime Minister was following Tony Benn John Major is no longer a stuffed shirt. Psychologists and

altogether like a university student, naughtier in some way."

Labour accused Mr Major of copying Tony Blair but the vet-eran left-wing MP Tony Benn took the credit for originating the style of appearing in shirt-sleeves. "Me, i have been do-ing it for ware." he mid ing it for years," he said.

Peter York, social commentator and co-author of the

Sloane Ranger's Handbook, was unimpressed by Mr Major's stunt. "Please, Prime Minister, don't go doing it again," he im-plored. "Prime ministers should be huttoned up to the neck and wear spats. I like them to look smart and clean and so, I think, does most of the nation in their heart of hearts.

ly shirt-sleeved former editor of the Sunday Times who now torial stunt worked a treat presents a political programme for the BBC, was yesterday anxious to distance himself from the style. "I don't want to be associated with the sartorial style of John Major," he said.."I'm putting

my jacket on. Oliver James, a clinical psyThe implicit message, he said, was that the Prime Minister had nothing to hide.

The symbol was the naked and the clothed," he said. "Clothing equals deception. Nakedness equals truth and authenticity. They were trying to draw attention to the difference

between the honesty and earth-iness of Major and the artifice of Blair wearing his jacket and clothing his speech in artificial rhetorical language."

Professor Cary Cooper, an occupational psychologist at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, believes Mr Major has

strength, that is, folksy, downto-earth, ordinary," Professor Cooper said. look his sexiest.

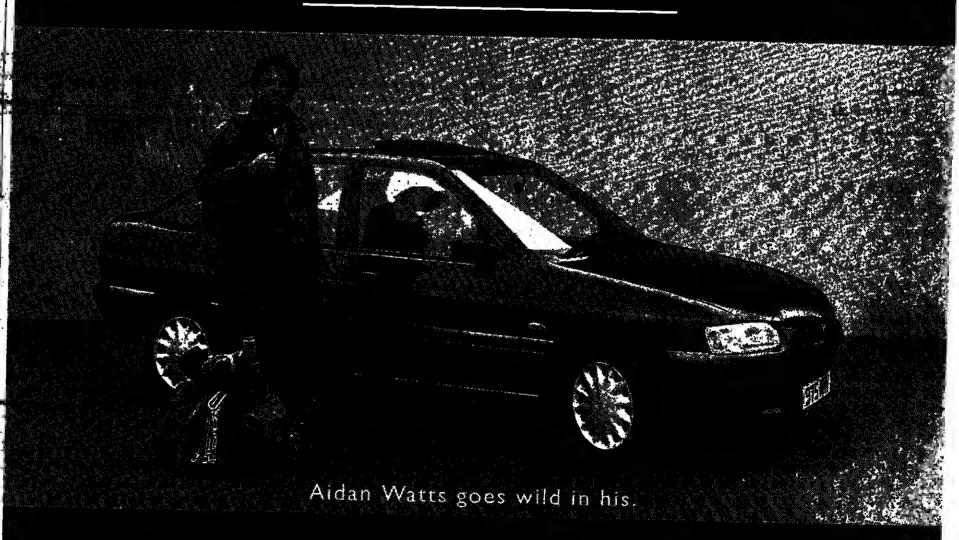
Mr Major had struck a dar-ing pose, he added. "It's in-novative. It's saying, 'This is a party that's prepared to break the mould.' It could also be saying, 'I've got nothing to found a format that suits his per- lose, we're so behind in the

or semi-satisfied, customer out there: Lady Archer. The Tory peer's wife says a shirt, with the sleeves rolled up, makes a man

"I don't know why it is so at-tractive," she said. "Something to do with bairy forearms. It means Jeffrey [her husband] is about to do some work of some sort - playing the piano or get-ting down to some writing."

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Council shelves water highway plan





Project to link North Sea with Irish Sea has angered environmentalists CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

It might seem like the most amhitious scheme since Moses tried to part the Red Sea, hut a plan to build a 53-mile "water highway" from the North Sea to the Irish Sea is to be presented to councillors across the north of England over the next

Transport Correspondent

Yesterday, the scheme, estimated to cost £6bn, received a cool welcome from the North of England Councils Association and it has already attracted the wrath of evironmentalists. But the promoter of the idea, a retired engineer called Derek Russell is undeterred and sees it as the answer to the problems of pollution and gridlock

in the roads of the South East. With teotative backing from AMEC, the engineering firm, and a couple of other compa-nies. Mr Russell has created the Western Water Highway Association to push forward the idea and the Association hopes soon to begin a feasibility study.

Mr Russell does not like the term "canal" as it suggests "a few sleepy fishermeo oo a seven-foot wide stretch of water". Instead he sees the link between the Solway Firth and the Tyne at Newcastle as a water highway, like the one receotly built in central Europe linking the Danube

He reckons it would carry around 200 million tonnes of freight a year between emerging markets between Northern and Eastern Europe and the

said: "Why should all these goods go down south where there is already too much traffic and the pollution is giving asthma to millions of children?"

While arguing that the eovi-ronmental heoefits far outweigh the disadvantages, he accepts that there are some problems in the Tyne Valley west of Newcastle, hut says there is oo threat to Hadrian's Wall: "It would only cross the line of the wall at one point, but there is oothing left of the wall for about six miles oo either side."

However, Roger Higman, transport campaigner of Friends of the Earth, says the effect of the scheme would be devastating: "The Solway Firth, ooe of the most important areas for hirds, would have to be dredged. There would be lots of oew housing huilt in rural areas and in any case the whole thing is totally unnecessary. Suez and Panama might be good short-cuts, bot this one iso't worth the trouble. We will be fighting it all the way."

After yesterday's meeting at Hartlepool Civic Centre, Councillor John McCormack, ehairmao of NECA, said they were not adopting either a "for or against" stance at this stage, but pressing for improvements to existing rail and road links. He added: "This does oot

mean we are against the Western Water Highway, but we want the emphasis to be on the immediate problems which can be dealt with in the short term before talking about something more grandiose and for the North West and Ireland. He next century.



Health chiefs 'waste millions'

SUSAN EMMETT

Health authorities in England and Wales are wasting millions of pounds because of bad bookkeeping, according to a survey published yesterday.

Research into the purchasing patterns of seven unnamed health aothorities found that £651.9m is being wasted through ignorance about which services authorities huy and

what they speed.
The study, by the Anti-Rationing group, a think tank and research body, was prompted by the rationing of leukaemia treatment for 11-year-old Jamie Bowen - Child B - by the Cambridge and Huntingdon health

The report examines what health authorities were paying for 40 different services and found a general pattern of inappropriate spending and mas-

sive overspending.
The findings, published in the
Health Service Journal, show that health authorities knew how much money they had spent on emergency services such as casualty, surgical emergency and maternity only 65 per cent of the time.

They could also only ideotify 66 per cent of spending on noo-acute services such as care for the elderly and mentally ill. And only 69 per ceot of speoding oo community care services such as psychiatric oursing, drug abuse and occupational therapy could be pinpointed. One of the health authorities

investigated was unable to supply any cost break down at all. The problem arises because of the usual practice of block buying, in which a range of services are bought in a single package. This does oot allow health authorities to distinguish between the services and allocate

mooey accordingly, says the anti-rationing group.

The report says millions are beiog mis-spent on buying ser-vices which are oot yet proven to be effective, blind buying and

overpaying oo certain services. A Department of Health spokesman said: "If anyone has evideot of conspicuous waste, it should be put to the health authority concerned and the Na-

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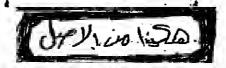


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Platitudes fly as Kemp bottles out The vice-presidential debate was

strong on civility and weak on beastliness, writes David Usborne

St Petersburg, Florida - If it is a fact, as the commentators constantly assert, that voters in America dislike partisan politics and negative campaigning, then the "Al Gore-Jack Kemp Show", which was aired from here oo Wednesday night, will surely have been a national smash hit. Any televisioo critic, however, might have some

On stage for 90 minutes in a shore-side theatre under the gaze of the network cameras, the Vice-President, Al Gore, and his Republican challenger, Jack Kemp, served up a debate that was crammed with sometimes esoteric policy substance but which was almost bereft of gloves-off combat.

The pair, both of whom can sometimes appear more like university dons than political candidates, lingered on economic policy and on differences between the supply-side, tax-cutting position of Mr Kemp and the more cautious Clinton-Gore approach for limited tax cuts and protecting recent progress in cutting the deficit. Other topics broached included abortion, foreign policy and affirmative action.

Anticipation of the debate bad been high because of its poteotial as a preview of the presidential match-up in four years. Mr Gore, 48, is widely seen as all evening. When Mr Kemp the logical Democratic nominee in 2000 if Clinton-Gore wins this time. Mr Kemp, 61, whose choice as running-mate to Bob Dole drew much praise, is also seen as his party's likely choice oext time round.

But those who had been waiting for that ooe zinger - of the "You're no Jack Kennedy" ilk (Lloyd Bentsen to Dan Quayle in the 1988 vice-presidential debate) - were disappointed. So probably were many Republican supporters who had been frustrated that ban on partial-birth abortion. Mr Dole had not taken a stronger line of attack in his first debate with Bill Clinton on Sunday and who were looking to Mr Kemp to play the attack-

Journalists accommodated in an adjacent ice-hockey rink joined the Dole ticket sagged as it became clear the veot was going to be all civility and no beastliness. "If this the presidential debate in 2000. America is going to ask 'What clse is on?' ventured

one political editor. Many wished rhetorically for the return of Admiral James Stockdale to the stage and who. as Ross Perot's 1992 runningmate, stunned the audience by

THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS See

came during discussion of economic policy. Mr Kemp ag-gressively sold his platform's promise to cut taxes across the board by 15 per cent, insisting it would lead to a doubling of the American economy in 15 years. Overstepping anything Mr Dole has yet to suggest, Mr Kemp vowed that a Dole-Kemp administration would move on to scrap the existing tax code altogether. "We're going to repeat the 83-year-old code and replace the 7.5 million words with a flatter, fairer, simpler code. And that will take this country roaring into the 21st

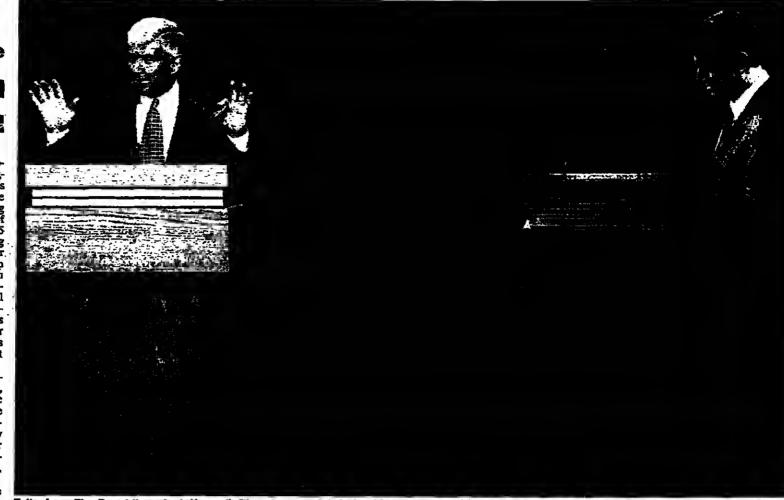
century. Mr Gore, however, repeatedly attacked the tax proposal, warning it "would blow a hole in the deficit". He also used the issue to spotlight the Democratic claim, which has apparently hit target especially with older voters, that it would mean slashing social-security payments, Medicare and Medicaid.

Mr Gore, who projects some self-deprecating humour in spite of his automaton image, also came closest to a knock-out suggested his tax-cut plan was not so much trickle-down economics as "Niagara Falls", the Vice-President fired back that Dole-Kemp would "put the American economy in a barrel and send it over the falls".

Mr Kemp appeared almost uncomfortable on foreign policy, visibly stumbling when asked to debate America's role in Haiti. Other clashes involved procedures, and on affirmative action for minorities.

On the latter issue, the Vice-President noted that Mr Kemp had abandoned his support for retaining some forms of affirmative action the day after he

Little in the debate is likely to have changed the direction of the 1996 campaign. As for 2000, a CNN/USA Today poll gave Mr Gore the edge over Mr Kemp as presidential material. Fifty-three per cent said they would like to see Mr Gore in the White House compared to 41 per cent for Mr Kemp. And their screen careers? "Even televisioo was yawning," Mon-ica Yant, television critic of the



Talk show: The Republican Jack Kemp (left) makes a point during his encounter with Vice-President Al Gore

on the millennium JACK KEM - Kenne Former profootball-player for the Diego Changars and Buffalo Bills and manufactor of Congress 1971-1968

Unsuccessful care for Republicati presidential nomination in 1988, before serving as Housing Secretary under Bush. Declined to enter 1996 presidential receipt before surprisingly serving picked as Dole's receipt mate on 10 August.

AL GORE: Age 48. Harvard-educeted, 8 member of Congress 1977-1985 before being elected US Senator from Tennessee in 1984. Like Kemp, also unsuccessfully sought presidential nomination in 1988. Sat out 1992 race for personal reasons but selected by then Arkeness governor Bill Clinton as

his running-mate in July 1992. A respected and influential Vice-President, and an early favourite for the Democratic nomination in 2000.

asking: "Who am I? Why am I here?" The meatiest moments St Petersburg Times, wrote. Patten extends olive branch to business leaders

STEPHEN VINES Hong Korig

Bearing a rather small olive branch, Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday entered the lions' den in another attempt to persuade the colony's business leaders that they needed to speak up for the preservation of the territory's freedoms because, if they did oot, "who do you think will?"

The former chairman of the Conservative Party finds himself condemned by Hong Kong businessmen as a "closet Socialist" bent on profligate social spending, and as a dangerous radical advocating reckless

emocratic reform. For the better part of the past year Mr Patten has been trying to pacify business community leaders whom he indirectly accused of hypocrisy for refusing to assist in Hong Kong's de mocratic development while arranging bolt holes for themmocratic societies in the event that next year's traitsition to Chinese rule goes



In yesterday's speech to the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr Patten flat-tered the business leaders by esting that in the past they had used their influence with the incoming Chinese govern-ment to assist in negotiations which helped preserve the colony's way of life.

However, he reminded them that more than half the companies listed on the local stock exchange had established domi-ciles offshore. He wondered aloud why they had done so if they were not concerned about the preservation of the rule of law at a time when it was in question, because of China's attitude to judicial

Although the Governor is trying to keep the business ty on side it is clear he regards this as a losing battle. Nearly all the colony's bu leaders vocally oppose Mr Parten, following the lead of the Chinese government which says his actions will be "conaned for a thousand generations". Mr Patten made a wry reference to this criticism which he seems to wear as a badge of

.The organisation he was addressing yesterday is solidly be-hind China's plans for the transfer of sovereignty and has complained to Mr Patten of bias against businessmen. One of its leaders, the legislator and ycoon, James Tien, described the Governor's speech as "positive". It failed, however, to dispel the misgivings he had about Mr Patten's insistence on telling China what it needs to do to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms. The business leaders believe the Governor is unduly provoking China.

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Jerusalem divided: After the tunnel battles, Muslims have scored a victory

Passions inflamed by secret mosque

PATRICK COCKBURN

In the struggle for the holy sites of Jerusalem, Muslims have won a victory by constructing an underground mosque, capable of holding 7,000 worshippers. beneath the great masony plat-form built by Herod on which stand Islam's third holiest shrines. The new mosque, built in semi-secret, is in an undergound area known as Solomon's Stables, where the Crusaders once kept their war-

The revelation that the mosque is to open in the next week is further fuelling ani-mosity between Muslims and Jews in Jerusalem. "We had two attacks by Jewish extremists yesterday," said Adnan Hussein, the director of Islamic Waqf, which administers the mosques and shrines on the Haram Es-Sharif, "the Noble Sanctuary".

Solomon's Stables have nothing to do with Solomon and were not designed for the stabling of horses. The 12 rows of graceful columns are rather the underground support for the south end of Temple Mount, the 34-acre platform built by Herod as the site for the Second Temple.

In his office overlooking the Haram, Mr Hussein insists that the mosque had been used for Islamic devotions since Muslims captured the city. That is not strictly true but there is little Israel can do to reverse its conversion into a mosque since the Stables of Solomon are firmly under Islamic control. "If they try to stop us there will be a much greater popular reaction than over the tunnel," Mr Hus-

Many Muslims in Jerusalem say they see the new mosque as of the city, the Muslim area in



Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, of the tunnel beneath the Muslim quarter which led to the death of 75 Israelis and Palestinians, Waqf officials deny reports that they discussed a deal with the authorities whereby they would not object to the exit to the tunnel if they were allowed to open their mosque.

The work on Solomon's Sta-

bles was carried out by volunteers from the Israeli-Arab community. The rough floor has been retiled and lighting installed. Meir Ben-Dov, an archaeologist, says that the Islamic authorities, fearing Jewish encroachment on Temple Mount, are trying to Islamise various sites "to pre-empt Israeli claims that could be made in future. The Muslims are also also worried that Jewish extremists would exploit the Stable area and use

to penetrate Temple Mount." The fate of the Haram, which the Jews call Temple Mount, has always stirred the deepest po-litical passions. King Abdullah of Jordan was shot dead in the al-Agsa mosque there in 1951, for compromising with Israel. In 1967, after the Israeli capture a quid pro quo, intended or not, front of the Wailing Wall was



hulldozed. In 1990 17 Palestinians, who stormed into the Haram because they believed it was about to come under attack by Jewish zealots intending to rebuild the Second Temple,

were shot dead by Israeli troops. Bruised by criticism of the opening of the tunnel, the Israeli government has agreed that the renovation and conversion of Solomon's Stables is legal. Seven members of the Temple Mount faithful movement, who want to take over the Haram and knock down the mosques, were arrested for trying to pray near al-Aqsa by way of protest.

military outposts.

The struggle for control and **Enduring support: Yasser** access to Holy Sites in stinian President, Jerusalem and the West Bank enbracing an elderly admirer has escalated as a result of the yesterday. Earlier, he told the Oslo accords. As Israeli forces redeployed Jewish settlers, their religious supporters have in-sisted on heavy military pro-tection for Jews wishing to go to Joseph's Well in Nablus, Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem

Photograph: Reuter

NZ no-hoper set to turn the poll tables

Four months ago, five leading frontbenchers of New Zealand's opposition Labour Party urged Helen Clark, their leader, to step aside in light of her dismal standing in opinion polls. She refused and is now poised to become the country's first female prime minister after tomorrow's election. ter tomorrow's election.

It would be one of the biggest fight-backs in New Zealand's political history for a woman renowned as one of Parlia-ment's finest intellects but who racked by dissent since David Lange resigned as prime min-ister in 1989, has languished in

the polls all this election year. Ms Clark, 46, with her humourless image, had struggled to get above the margin of error in opinion polls. But in the last few weeks of the campaign support has picked up dramatically and Ms Clark, sporting a classes was a supported by the campaign support has picked up dramatically and Ms Clark, sporting a classes was a supported by the campaign support has picked and supported by the campaign supported glamorous new hairstyle and softer image, is tipped to lead a centre-left coalition government. A former lecturer, she has lightened her academic mien by attending rugby-league match-es and race meetings.

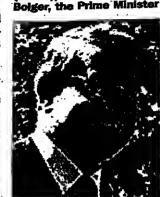
She ousted the previous Labour leader, Mike Moore, af-ter he lost the 1993 election, and has moved Labour to the cen-tre and kept it together in a pe-riod of turmoil leading up to the first election conducted under

proportional representation.

Ms Clark's main opponent,
Jim Bolger, leader of the conservative National Party and Prime Minister for the past six years, has been called the India-rubber man of New Zealand politics. Policy flip-flops have seen him embrace the Labour anti-nuclear policy he once con-demned, and Nelson Mandela, whom former National gov-

ernments dubbed a terrorist. He has also showed steel in holding his government to-gether after winning re-election with a single-seat majority in

(above), could oust Jim



fecting MPs, running a minor-ity administration and then cobbling together a coalition. Much of this time he did poorly in opinion polls, being seen as arrogant and pompous, while

his party remained popular. An MP for 24 years, the 61year-old farmer, son of Irish immigrants and father of nine, has mellowed like the whisky he relaxes with late at night. But he remains convinced he is the only person who can lead the country in the new political envi-ronment. He is fighting for his political life, because his party is unforgiving of losers.
No politician since the late

Robert Muldoon has polarised New Zealanders like Winston Peters, leader of New Zealand First and likely to become deputy prime minister, whichev-

er party forms the new govern-ment. Once tipped by Mul-doon as the first Maori prime minister, he has attracted the higgest crowds of any leader during the campaign. Oppo-nents, including the Asian com-munity, which sees his anti-immigration stance as racist, and big business, which fears his pledge to stem foreign investment and stamp out fax avoidance, detest him.

He has campaigned under the slogan "New Zealand for New Zealanders" and says his is the genuine people's party, He founded it in 1993 after Mr Bolger expelled him from the cabinet for defying government policy. His popularity was not greatly dented this year when a court found he had defamed a businessman whom he alleged had tried to hribe him. He will not say which party New Zealand First would join in a coalition but it is likely to be Labour, to keep out Mr Bolger

and his former colleagues.

If big business fears Mr Peters, it is scared rigid by Jim Auderton, leader of the left-wing NZ Alliance, which wants to raise taxes, introduce a 10-percent levy on imports and restore free healthcare and education for all. Mr Anderton, a former Labour backbencher who quit in 1989 in protest at its free-market policies, says the Alliance will not join a formal coalition with anybody. But with a pos-sible 20-odd seats in the new parliament, its support on votes of confidence will be critical to keep a Labour-New Zcaland

First coalition in power. Mr Anderton, the honest face of New Zealand politics, has performed miracles in keeping the Alliance, a coalition of five disparate parties, together since its formation in 1991. He has twice stepped down as bounced back. He says the Alliance will not water down its policies for a share of power, and is hent on building up the party to govern alone in 1999

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Dissident trial heralds Chinese clampdown



Wang Dan: Facing seven years in jail for sedition

TERESA POOLE Peking

China appears determined to put on trial one of the country's most outspoken young dissidents after telling his family to find a lawyer by this afternoon.

Wang Dan, 26, who has been held not book there were some Man held without charge since May last year, may face up to seven years in jail for counter-revolutionary activities or sedition.

It is the second time this week that the government's hardline policy on dissent has been on show. On Wednesday, Liu Xiaobo was sentenced without trial to three years "re-educa-tion through labour". His crime was to petition last month for freedom of speech and the right to form political parties, and to criticise President Jiang Zemin for saying the army was under the control of the party rather than the state.

The latest moves against dissidents are in line with attempts by the party to tighten political control while moving ahead with economic reform, Mr Zemin's edict to "talk more about politics" was enshrined as official policy yesterday when the annual Communist Party plenum closed and published a document dwelling on "pro-moting socialist ethical and cultural progress".

This campaign, dubbed "spir-itual civilisation" by Mr Jiang, covers everything from personal behaviour to a clampdown on Western media on the In-

Mr Wang was one of the stu-dent leaders of the 1989 prodemocracy rallies in Tiananmen Square, and after the 4 June bloody crackdown he spent more than three years in prison. After his release, Mr Wang stayed in China and continued publicly to criticise the govern- all," said Mr Shen.



Sign of the times: A cyclist ignares a government poster arging moral regeneration in Huairou yesterday

ment and write articles for for eign newspapers. By the time he was detained last year, he was under 24-hour surveillance by public security officials.

Mr Wang's family have not seen him since he was detained, do not know where he is, and do not know the charges against him. This is despite a much-pub-licised new Chinese law which is supposed to restrict the time anyone can be held without formal charge to 30 days. The new regulations are also supposed to ensure a defendant has several days with a lawyer to prepare a case. In practice, justice is dispensed swiftly; it took less than 24 hours for police to detain Mr Liu and sentence him using socalled "administrative" rather than judicial procedures.

Mr Wang's name was men tioned during the trial last De-cember of China's most prominent dissident. Wei Jing-sheng, jailed for 14 years for conspiracy. During the prosecution he was accused of work-

ing with Mr Wei. Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, yesterday scorned Mr Wei's nomination for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, announced today. "A criminal like him has no qualification to receive any prize at



Jiang rallies support with call for ideological control

Skyscrapers have mushroomed, Mao suits have given way to mobile phones, and private businessmen are making small fortunes. But yesterday, the Chinese Communist Party demonstrated how after 18 years of economic reform, official political rhetoric is still stuck in the old era, writes Teresa Poole. At the end of the annual gathering

of the central committee, the most important political meeting of the year, China's leaders sidestepped focused on "promoting ethical and cultural progress", a byword for tightening ide-

ological control.
The four-day annual party plenum ended last night with a call for more emphasis on "ideological education" and the "national spirit of self reliance". The plenum document de-scribed how a "marked improvement of citizens' quality should be realized". through everything from "penetrating and sustained" education in patrintism to "excellent literary works". Behind the call for "lofty ideals" is, of course, a more serious game. This

is the last plenum before next Au-tumn's full party congress at which top level jobs will be shuffled. So from now on, behind the scenes, President Jiang Zemin is doing everything he can to bolster his position as the so-called "core" of the new leadership - and head of the party. Whether or not the ailing 92-year-old Deng Xiaoping is around for next year's congress, Mr Jiang does not want to risk alienating

any faction of the party. In China there is no safer political manifesto than a call for Socialist valnes. The plenum document expanded on Mr Jiang's repeated calls this year for a "spiritual civilization", which has encompassed everything from the need for patriotism to dealing with the rising tide of crime, prostitution, drugs, corruption. Such social ills are uniformly blamed on the influence of Western mores. The plenum document also indicated a further crackdown on control of the mass media, with "politically smud" professionals to



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Devastation and despair along the Drina Balti

BACK TO * BOSNIA

Robert Fisk

reports on a valley in the shadow of death in his series from the former Yugoslavia a year after the ceasefire

Visegrad, Serb-controlled eastern Bosnia - Oo the cotrance to the tunnel, the writing was on the wall. "The only good balija is a dead one," the graffiti said. "Balija" is an old word for a Turk and now - as vicious a racist word as "nigger" - has come to mean "Muslim". And here we were, scarcely five miles from the great bridge over the Drina, the stone masterpiece of 10 arches with which the Turks hlessed eastern Bosnia at the height of their 16th-ceotury power. Yet on the next tunnel through the rock wall of the valley, the message was even hleaker. "Arkan," it said, referring to the nastiest of Serhian Bosnia's ethnic cleansers, "thank you.

We only had to look around us, as we drove down the valley of the Drina, to know what the Serbs had to thank Arkan for. Village after village dozens of them, some along the narrow road beside the wa-ter, others oestling high up along the mountain tree-line lay in ruins, more than 100 miles of them, their houses torched, their mosques pul-verised, the minarets settled into the rubble, a muezzin's rusting loudspeaker amid the

they were so savagely "cleansed" in 1992. But the

newly elected Bosnian President

- always supposing his election was fair - has oot seen the

wilderness created along the

banks of the broad, softly flow-

ing river, the utter finality with

which the Serbs have scorched

Into burned house after

house I clambered, only to find

a few picture frames, empty bot-tles of Slivovic - from which

came the "cleansers" courage
- carbonised rafters and the

husks of washing machines and

fridges and rotting carpets. From Visigrad south to Med-

jedja and Ústipraca, and oorth

to Zvornik, it is the valley of the shadow of death. Not a soul stirs

in the forests. There are no fish-

the earth.

Survivors have told the world of the massacres around Prijedor, in northern Bosnia, in 1992; but there were few witoesses to the carnage along the upper Drina, the traditiooal home of the Muslims of eastern Bosnia. The drive down to Visegrad shows why.

Alija Izetbegovic says that his frootier will extend to beyond the Drina, that the people of the great ravines and valleys will re-



There are no fishermen, farm animals or roadside shops; only ruins and overgrown fields and no doubt, to be undiscovered for ever, the mass graves

roadside shops; only darkened ruins and overgrown fields, and no doubt - to be undiscovered for ever - the mass graves of the men and women of the

The Serbs of Visigrad try to treat all this with disdain. "Life is bad for us - the prices, the lack of money, the isolation," a cafe proprietor grumbled above

got oothing from this war."
The conviction that the war was lost is widespread among the Serbs down here, an odd assessment of a conflict in which their militias wiped out the homes of generations of Muslims. The ancient hridge has been preserved intact, although the Arabic quotations from the Koran carved on to the ceotre have been

The construction remains as

powerful and as frightening in Ivo Andric's ferocious epic Bridge over the Drina. When I walked across the old stone road, an off-duty soldier was courting his lady at the spot where Radovan, Andric's Serbian saboteut, was slowly im-paled and left to die by the Turks

The Drina has had the same mesmeric effect on the I-Fortroops, the Italian Bersaglieri with their black-feathered helmets who eat out at the only oew building oorth of Visegrad for 100 miles, a Serb coffee shop with "Steak - Serb defaced with the spray-painted as an example of what would found a young Italian lieu-

happen to those who opposed

anxious to push eastwards, village by village, in the hope that I-For will give way to them as easily as Unprofor once gave way to the Serbs. with restraint - even when I-For

could retrieve from the Muslim "villagers" a mere 10 guns by way of a tolors of rood behav-iour. Among the US and Italian soldiers, there are rumours that

Witness to a lost society: The bridge, a monument to Ottoman power, remains but the Muslim community has gone. Everywhere mosques, such as the one

are destroyed Photographs: Robert F

members in line on shortient

and gets

I-For has privately offered the tenant taking soapshots of the river, focusing on the mist covered hills to the south-Muslims of Jusice money to leave the village temporarily uotil, that is, they have filled in the appropriate forms for their return. Io Zvornik, the Inter-oational Police Task Force east, carefully moving his camera into the one angle that would exclude those unsightly, haunted ruins amid the trees. (IPTF) – led by an unsociable American cop – is trying to as-suage the local Serbs. Back to Venice or Rome or Naples, he would take his pictures of a river and an unspoiled actumoal wood of

If only those pesky Muslims would stay behind the lines, it greeo, gold and hrown leaves. seems, life would be a lot easier West of Zvornik, the Muslims for the IPTE. of Bosnia have spoiled the effect. At least a hundred have moved into the confrontation lines, back to the old Muslim vil-

But they may oot. Foreigners have a habit of being disliked and then disobeyed in Bosnia, as a slightly drunken Serb refugee remioded me when I gave him a lift back to Glavicice from the funeral of his wife's uncle. "It's a bad thing when a house is not looked after, he said. "When the landlord's away, the world walks through your

Tomorrow Rober Fisk reports from Serb-controlled northern Bosnia, on a new, post-Dayton kind of ethnic cleansing and the despair and bitterness that it

scathing of the state's case against the six. It now seems un-

likely that General Malan and

the generals, the most senior

members of the former National

Party government and armed

will oot also be released today

the three witnesses - including

Captain Johan Opperman, who

claims to have led the unit re-

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Apartheid trial acquittals give Malan hope

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The historic, seven-mooth trial of Geoeral Magnus Malan, former defence minister, and four other apartheid-era geoerals on murder and conspiracy charges appeared to be unravelling yesterday wheo six of their co-accused walked free from a Durban court.

lage of Jusice, armed in case the

Serbs try to stop them, many of them - if the Serbs are to be

believed - Bosnian soldiers

Serbian police have acted

There was wild clapping and jobilant shouts when the six men, supporters of the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, were cleared of involvement in the 1987 KwaMakhutha massacre of 13 people in a village south of Durban. Victor Ntuli, an ANC activist, was the intended target of the attack. He was out when the gunmen came calling. Those who died were holding a

prayer meeting in his home. The case goes to the heart of the former Sooth African gov-ernment's cynical inflaming of the conflict between the IFP and the ANC through secret support

and training for Inkatha. KwaZulu-Natal Attorney General, Tim McNally, has tried to prove the massacre was the result of a South African Defeoce Force project to provide Inkatha with hitsquads and that General Malan was responsible for it. But Judge Jan Hugo was

liable. He said the state failed to prove that the accused were responsibile for the murders. He also criticised Mr McNally for failing to call witnesses who might have supported the evidence of other state witnesses. IFP leader, Chief Mangosuthu couotless times in evidence There has been widespread criticism that McNally's failure

to call him is political. The collapse of the case will add to the frustration of those who believe oeither the courts tion Commission, charged with establishing the truth about the past and encouraging national healing, is exposing or punits ing the guiltiest meo: those who ran the old regime.



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Nato expansion row: Potential members not ruled out despite objections from Russia and the US

Baltic states given a little hope

The Nato Secretary-General, Javier Solana, yesterday as-jured Estonia, Latvia and ithuania that the alliance had not ruled them out as potential members, despite vehement members, despite vehement Russian objections and doubts in some Western capitals over the wisdom of bringing them in.

"I want to say very clearly now that no country is ruled out and no country is ruled in. We are talking to everybody and we

are talking to everybody and we will try to take a decision at the right moment, probably out before the middle of 1997, Mr Solana said in the corth Danish port of Frederikshavn.

The Baltic states, aixious for Western security guarantees

to consolidate their newly won independence, were dismayed last month when the US Defense Secretary, William Perry, said they were not ready to join Nato. He said a key condition was that each country could come to the defence of its allies

come to the defence of its allies if attacked, and they had not acquired that capability.

Although stating what most Nato governments regard as obvious, he thought in advisable to play down his made advisable to play down his play down his remarks later in a letter to the Baltic defence a letter to the battle defence ministries. The letter, released on Wednesday, said: "I under-score that I said, and I believe, that the Balts are fully eligible for Nato membership and I look forward to the day when each country is a member." The issue arouses strong

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emotions in the Nordic coun-tries, both in Denmark and tries. To balance this, Nato Norway, which are in Nato, and in neutral Finland and Sweden. Denmark's Defence Minister, Hans Hackkerup, said in an interview this week: "The question of taking in new members is to me basically a moral tainty in Nato about Russia's

"If new democracies emerge in Central and Eastern Europe, I have a moral problem denying them the same security gnarantees that we Danes had in the Cold War. But this guarantee is not to be directed against another country, only against an aggressor." Nato is expected to hold a

summit in the middle of next ar at which formal invitations issue arouses strong to join will be extended to sev-

hopes for an agreement with Russia making it a close part-ner of the West and removing suspicion about the alliance's

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recise attitude to enlargement. On Monday, when Alexander Lebed, President Boris Yeltsin's security supremo, visited Nato's Brussels headquarters, he said Russia would not react hysterically to expansion. But he used fairly hysterical language yesterday at a scientific conference in Russia. "Will Nato's eastward expansioo ... towards the Baltic republics boost Russia's security? Nobody can guaran-

tee that it won't occur to some-

what was recently done to Iraq." he said.

The first phase of Nato enlargement is expected to include the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia, the aim being to make them full members by April 1999, the 50th anniversary of Nato's formation. Yet the US and other big

alliance members such as Germany are believed to have reservations about whether it should admit the Baltics. The prospect of extending the US nuclear umbrella over countries that border Russia and have disaffected ethnie Russian minorities is not one that appeals

to many US policy-makers.

Danish officials say that if the

Baltic states are excluded from

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the first wave of enlargement, they should be offered closer ties with Nato through the alliance's Partnership for Peace programme. The Danish defence ministry points out that Baltic troops already serve with Danish forces in Nato's peace-

eeping mission in Bosnia. For the Baltic states, however, all the Partnership for Peace projects in the world pale into insignificance compared with the prize of obtaining a rock-solid security guarantee from Nato. The presidents of the Baltic states pledged last month that their countries would make the sacrifices needed to upgrade their armed forces, hring them into line with Nato standards and improve their ability to

verdict appeal of two independent journalists who had been charged with defaming President Franjo Tudjman, ikening him to the late Spanish dictator, Francisco ranco. The Zagreh Municipal Court last month found Viktor Ivancic and Marinko Culic, editor and writer respectively of the satirical weekly Feral Tribune, not guilty, but the prosecutor has called for an annulment of the verdict, citing errors in the court's proceedings.

Fifty die in Zaire raids

Reuter – Zagreb

Marauders swept through a Swedish missionary hospital in Zaire and killed nearly 40 people, most of them patients who were shot or stabbed as they lay in their sickbeds, missioo officials said. Twelve other people were killed in an attack on a missionary station nearby. The attacks took place around Lemera, near the borders with Rwanda and Burundi and apparently was connected to the violence between the Tutsi and Hutu ethnic groups that plagues the region. AP - Strockholm

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International Bosnia peace

would have to remain in

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chance of recovering from

co-ordinator Carl Bildt said

foreign contingents of troops

Bosnia in 1997 and 1998 for

the recent war. "The mission

would primarily be deterrent, to provide reassurance ...

thus providing the conditions

reconciliation, re-integration

and reconstruction," he said

in a speech, Reuter - London

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broadside The Russian security tsar, Alexander Lebed, fired a

Taliban hard Foreign troops hit as soldiers key to Bosnia fight back

Afghanistan's purist Islamic Taliban militia appeared in deep trouble yesterday as it suffered further losses in the Salang Pass, north of Kabul, and prepared defences south of the front line.

Travellers from Jahal-os-Siraj, at the entrance to the pass through the Hindu Kush. where forces of the ousted Rabbani government were bitting the Taliban hard, said the fighting was close to the town. The Taliban rejected calls by a UN special envoy for a ceasefire, saying they would not lay down their weapons until all Afghans disarmed. Reuter - Charikar

Tudiman libel

Croatia's state prosecutor has appealed against the acquittal alliance's headquarters which won praise from its leaders, ltar-Tass quoted him as telling a conference: "Will lraq." Mr Lebed, 46, was referring to US missile attacks on Iraqi targets last month. Reuter - Moscow

The Pope in 'great shape

The Pope was in "really great shape" two days after surgery to remove his appendix, officials said, adding that the pontiff planned to celebrate a public Mass at the Vatican before the end of the month. Reuter - Rome

Python kills young owner

A young man preparing lo feed a live chicken to his pet python was killed after the 13ft snake coiled around him. Grant Williams, 19, died in hospital an hour after being found in his Bronx apartment. AP - New York

ANC gets members in line on abortion

JULIETTE SAUNDERS

Cape Town — The ruling African National Congress (ANC) ordered its parliamentarians yesterday to vote in favour of changing South Africa's abortion laws from among the world's strictest to among the most liberal.

All opposition parties in par-liament have decided to allow their MPs to vote on the abortion Bill according to conscience and religious beliefs, but the majority ANC needs a party vote to guarantee adoption of the pro-choice legislation.

We are calling on all ANC MPs to come to the vote, and the whips (in parliament) will be on their backs to check that not only that they are there, but that they vote positively," said Arnold Stofile, ANC chief whip in the National Assembly.

The vote over abortion on demand is the toughest moral

challenge yet for the ANC.
Its Christian and Muslim members of parliament have privately voiced coocern at the party's approach, and intimated they would find excuses to be absect on the day of the vote, scheduled for 29 October in the National Assembly.

It goes to the Senate on 5 November, and becomes law if both houses deliver a simple majority.

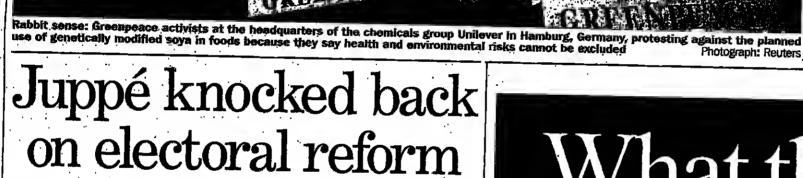
Addressing a news conference after an ANC caucus meeting in parliament, Mr Stofile said ANC leaders were aware of the concerns stemming from members who were religious, but hoped to reassure them through theological discussion.

Mr Stofile, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister, said no MPs had yet told the party that they had "a violent problem which is mitigating against this vote".

The ANC, which draws its support from both the political left and moderates in rural districts, pledged before its 1994 election as the majority partner in a government of national unity it would adopt a pro-choice stance on abortion.

The Health Minister, Nkosazana Zuma, the first black person to hold the post, has asked parliament to allow women to terminate their preg-nancies up to 12 weeks in they choose, and for a further eight weeks allow abortion under strict conditions.

At present, only about 1,000 women a year qualify for legal abortions allowed under special circumstances like incest, rape or danger to the mother's life. However, nearly 50,000 women report to bospitals each year after botched illegal abortions.



MARY DEJEVSKY

Proposals by the French Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, for changing the voting system be-fore parliamentary elections next year have been rejected by the executive of his own Gaullist party, in what amounts to a ing personal and political defeat for the already beleaguered Prime Minister.

The proposals, floated last month, included the reintroduction of an element of proportional representation in larger, mostly urban, con-

The change was seen as having two main aims; to limit the likely damage to the Gaullist's representation in parliament and to give smaller parties the chance of winning a few - but not too many - seats. It was fiercely criticised from all sides.

Some saw it as a sop to the extreme right National Front; others as sanctioning a dual system in which urban votes would count more than rural votes. Yet others thought changing the system so soon before the elections smacked of manipulation.

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Juppé: Popularity failing

On Wednesday night, the ex-ecutive of the Gaullist (RPR) party rejected the proposals unanimously, and agreed there should be no change in the firstpast-the post system before the 1997 elections. The decision clearly exposed Mr Juppe's difficulties in stamping his anthority on the party and added more uncertainty to his position as Prime Minister.

This was the latest in a series of setbacks for Mr Juppé with his party. Two weeks ago, at the annual get-together of Gaullist MPs at Le Havre, Mr Chirac had to intervene, via a senior party member, to persuade the rank and file to give Mr Juppé their support.
And in his keynote speech,

Mr Juppe had to appeal to MPs, almost pathetically, to support his government's reform programme "with heart and soul, not just for form's

Outside the party, Mr Juppe's position is no better and his popularity in opinion polls con-tinues to fall. The latest poll, mobilished yesterday by l'Express magazine, showed his approval rating had fallen seven points since June and, at 34 per cent, was the lowest it had been since be became Prime Minis-

ter 16 months ago. The worst news for Mr Juppe was that the greatest loss of confidence was among stalwarts of the right, where his popularity had dropped by 20 ints, from 66 per cent to 46 per cent in three months. Other polls show his popularity running below 30 per cent. Commentators blame this

performance more on Mr Juppe's image as the epitome of France's political élite -- privileged and remote - that on the unpopularity of government terity measures.

It is in an apparent attempt to tackle what is seen as a growing gap between this élite and the voters that Mr Juppé has sent out a questionnaire to leaders of all the main political groupings in parliament soliciting their views on what should be done to "modernise political life".

The questions, which cover the desirability of PR, the tradition of holding several elected posts concurrently, the poor representation of women (France has the second lowes number of female MPs in Europe after Greece), a possible upper age-limit for MPs, and the often dubious financing o political activities, offer a catlogue of much that is wrong with the French political system

The problem is that only those with a stake in the system are being circulated, and that Mr Juppé not only holds a cluster of electoral mandates. but slashed the number of women in his Cabinet after only five months. With such a lead from the top, the results of the survey may only strength-en the voters' cynicism.



Polly Toynbee on the Fory party conference in Bournemouth. Page 18.

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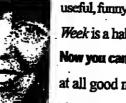
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Dame Diana Reader Harris

Diana Reader Harris was not only one of the great headmistresses of her generation, but a leading figure in the history of girls education. Her success in this field led to an involvement in many other spheres. Born in 1912 in Hong Kong,

she weot to Sherborne School for Girls in 1925. Even at the age of 12 she had clear ideas of right and wrong and a genuine concern for others. Those who were at school with her remember a lively girl who appeared innately good, hut was never thought of as priggish. She had an inborn ability to persuade people to do things and to make a oew idea seem fun.

It was certainly no surprise to anyone that she became Head of School and, in this capacity, she worked with the first two headmistresses, Miss Mulliner and Miss Stuart. She had a fine mind and was offered a place at Newnham College, Cambridge. However, her father decided it would not be appropriate for a girl to go to Cambridge unless she had won a scholarship. Nothing daunted, Diana decided that she would do an external London degree from home and obtained First Class

honours in English. She returned to Sherborne as an assistant mistress in 1934 and became a bousemistress in 1938. During the Second World

War a number of pareots were anxious for their daughters to go to Canada, and Reader Harris seemed the obvious person to take a party to Branksome Hall School, Toronto. She spoke with warmth and gratitude of the hospitality they received, but the success of the venture also owed much to her own personality and leadership.

When she returned to England in 1943 she started to work with the National Association of Girls' Clubs, which became the National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs. Opportunities for girls, both in education and other areas, was a cause dear to her, and this stemmed not only from her own sadness at being unable to go to Cambridge, but also from her experience in youth work.

She was appointed to succeed Miss Stuart as Headmistress of Sherborne School for Girls in January 1950, and served the school, and the world of education, with real distinction until she retired in 1975. She was the first to say that she did oot have a creative mind, but she had the ability to order and adapt ideas, to grasp the essentials and to know what would work.

She was a member of the Ministry of Labour's Women's Consultative Committee (1957-77),

(1952-70), Executive of the Associatioo of Headmis-tresses (1953-58, and President 1964-66), and of the Schools' Council from 1966 until retiring in 1975. As President of the Association of Headmistresses she led their response when the Plowden Report was published. She was also Headmistress of Sherborne at the time of the Newsom Commission, and not only gave evidence. She was a long-serving governor of several main-tained and independent schools.

Although an introvert by nature, she was in no way shy, and had the wonderful gift of mak-ing people feel she had waited all her life to meet them. She had a natural facility for names and a retentive memory which she used to effect. She knew ever child in the school and carried a store of information about each one. She could meet Old Girls, years after they left, and

remember much about them. Those who were pupils during her headship grew up in an atmosphere in which it was assumed that everyone had something of value to give, a better nature to be appealed to, and a duty to the community in which she lived.

For many, both inside and outside the school, Reader Harris's most memorable characteristic was her charm and that, Dorset Education Committee combined with real physical



Reader Harris: charm combined with real physical beauty

beauty, enabled her to persuade people to want to work with her, and for her. She loved entertaining, distinguished and interesting people from many fields were attracted to her and their visits to Sherborne enriched the lives of the staff and girls. As a child she had developed

an interest in community work and used to visit the Welcome Club in London during the hulidays, persuading other girls to go with her, to discover at first hand the nature of the social service to which the school contributed. She encouraged generations of girls to involve

themselves in similar projects. She worked tirelessly for causes close to her heart. Among them was the Royal Society of Arts, of which she was the first woman chairman (1979-81). She was also a member of the Independent Television Authority

education and the Church. A deeply committed Christian, she was a member of the Archbishop's Council on Evanrelism (1966-68) and of the Church Missionary Society from 1953 to 1982, serving as its President from 1969 to 1982. She

(1956-60). She was appointed

DBE in 1972 for services to

was also on the Board (1976-83) and Chairman (1978-83) of Christian Aid. These last two commitments brought together her faith and her lifelong interest in the developing world.

In 1983 she moved with her widowed sister-in-law from London to live in the Close in Salisbury and quickly became involved in local affairs and the life of the cathedral. She was made a Lay Canon in 1987 and was for many years a patroo of the Salisbury Festival.

June Taylor

Dame Diana Reader Harris mherited the role of President of the Church Missionary Society - the Church of England's largest international mission agency - at a time of great change, writes Diana K. Witts.

By the end of the 1960s, a great many "mission fields" had become self-governing and self-supporting churches in their own right, set within newly independent nations. The CMS, founded in 1799, had been well aware that this day would come, and during the time of Dame Diana's presidency, the aims and structures of the society occided to be reformulated accordingly. In the process there was a need to re-examine relationships with other Anglican voluntary societies, and the wider church.

Many of the traditional av-

enues for missionary enterprise were closing to the CMS, but there were new opportunities to create understanding between peoples of widely different cultures, to engage in a quest for a more just economic and social order, and to lend support

to these oew churches. Dame Diana served a long apprenticeship as a member of the Society's Executive Committee. Her interest in the youth club movement brought her into contact with the newly developing Voluntary Service Overseas. This gave her a special "feel" for how the new relationship be-

tween the churches around the

world should be expressed.

When she retired from Sherborne in 1975, it freed her to take an even more active role in the society. She began to visit regional associations of the society, railies, and deanery meet-ings. Increasingly she became the society's public voice. She was a key player in helping formulate the Church of England's Partnership for World Mission, creating for the first time a link between voluntary agencies and the General Synod. At her urging the society took up advocacy of the Brandt Report on relations between nations of the "North" and "South".

She made an outstanding contribution to the society's work through overseas travel. In

1970, for instance, she repre sented the CMS at the maignration of the Church of North India, a union of a number of Christian denominations, later, with great coergy and courage, she visited the Church of Uganda during its time offi-al under the dictator Idi Alin which had culminated in he martyrdom of Archbisbp Janani Luwum. She was a geat

source of encouragement. Perhaps more than her pedecessors Diana Reader Hans became a "People's Presidet". A former General Secretal. now Bishop of Coventry, to Right Rev Simon Barringto-Ward, said her chairing would be remembered for her "ufailing courtesy, clear, unhurril sense of direction and purpo.

and sharp eye far detail."

Dame Diana's sympathe understanding and encourage ment, and her constant aft mation of all those whose liv she touched, sprang from deeply rooted Christian faith. her life she steadfastly used h remarkable gifts to strengthe and enrich the lives of others

Muriel Diana Reader Harris schoolmistress: born Hong Kon 11 October 1912: Headmistres Sherborne School for Girls 1956 75; President, Church Mission an Society 1969-72; DBE 1972 died Salisbury 7 October 1996.



Harrowing: Downes's famous image from the Vietnam war of Kim Phuc naked and burning from American supebn, 1972 .

Alan Downes

Alan Downes, a founder member of Independent Television News and for 32 years one of its most distinguished cameramen, will always be famous for one of the most harrowing images to come out of Vietnam or any other war; the picture of a naked Vietnamese girl, Kim Phuc, screaming in pain, on fire from napalm dropped by an American aircraft.

Downes was a lively, energetic perfectionist who joined ITN as a boy of 16 and learned the business from the ground up: library, editing, camera repairs, and a thorough ground;, ingin the art of cinematography - though he learnt to use a camera while doing National Service. He was already an experi-

enced practitioner when we set out in 1968 to cover a crucial period in the Victoam war, the Ret offensive. The Viet Cong had launched a series of attacks all across the country which shook American morale to the core, culminating in a daring assault oo the American embassy in Saigoo which nearly succeeded

recordist Tom Phillips and I arrived late but caught up with an exciting report of a battle between government troops and the Viet Cong beside the racetrack. In Hue, the old imperial capital, we filmed the Americans retaking the city street by street, ending up out of power and almost out of film as a cartload of dead GIs was wheeled down the street; Downes hand-cranked the last few feet of film. .

We finished that assignment by over-flying Khe Sanh, the besieged American ontpost in-tended to control Viet Cong infiltratioo in the north, filming a C130 dropping fuel, ammunition and food to the belea-guered garrison. Downers stood precariously in the sail of the C130 as the supplies thundered out and floated down by parachute.

Two years later, just after Black September in Sordan, Downes again proved his ath-leticism by scrambling up on top of a radio truck to film King Hussein being carried shoulder high by eothusiast Bedu soldiers over a PLO-Syrian army inva-Alan Downes, his sound sion in the north. It was the first ish intervention was imminent Hertfordsline 9 October 1996.



Downes: unfleppable

time the king had visited his troops since the dramatic battles on the Syrian border and in Amman and the Bedu went wild. We managed to get the film out by plane in time for the oext night's News at Ten, which it led - and the footage later helped Downes to win that year's Cameraman of the Year

award. Another big story Downes covered with his usual unflappable good sense was the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Nicholson got word that a Turk-

and drove from Nicosia in the early hours of the morning just in time to see the Turkish air force materialising out of the dawn, and the paratroopers dropping ucopposed on the empty plane. Downes caught it all as sharp as cut glass and perfeetly framed as if he'd been filming in the studio.

Wheo he was not risking his life on dangerous assignments abroad for ITN (amongst others in El Salvador, Angola Afghanistan, Eritrea and shooting footage of the Iran-Iraq war), or closer to home, as one of the two cameramen who worked on In Private In Public ITN's 1984 documentary the Prioce and Princess of Wales, Alan Downes kept in shape astride a racing hicycle covering many miles to work and back every day. But he was not so dedicated a fitness fanatic as to eschew a good bottle of

Alan Charles Downes, cameraman: born Enfield, Middlesex 6 September 1938; married 1961 daughter); died Letchworth,

Tony Parker

Thanks to the tape-recorder the strong opinions. He was a con-post-war decades have wit-vinced socialist, pacifist and nessed a boom in oral history, gathering the experiences of people whose voices seldom reach the written record.

Most of us are not neutral observers and arrange the evidence to support a point of view. In America Studs Terkel assembled several vast collections of humble people's opin-ions, and has never left us in any doubt as to where his sympathies lie. ft is intriguing to learn that his English equivalent. Tony Parker, had, shortly before his death, completed a book quite different from his 22 earlier ones, since it was about Terkel, as seen by his colleagues, friends and family in Chicago. It will appear in February.

atheist, but sought to be a silen! witness making no comments and no interpolations in the stories he was told. One result of his quiet empathy was that people talked to him and his recorder with immense openness and trust, and pleoty of them became friends for years

after they met. He was born in 1923 in Stockport, the son of a bookseller. In the 1940s he was a conscientious objector to military service and was sent to work in a coal-mine, developing an intense sympathy for the isolated colliery villages of the North-East. Forty years later this early background served him well when he compiled his book Tony Parker had equally Red Hill: a mining community

(1986) about the experience of the 1984-85 miners' strike. His discovery of his unique

vocation came almost by chance. After the war he had a job with Odhams Press, publishers of the Daily Herald, and in the evenings became a prison visitor, a task which stretched his capacity as a good listener and a non-judgemental observer. A chance meeting with a BBC radio producer, and an inevitable battle with the Home Office, led to a hroadcast interview with one particular hard case, which was subsequently printed in the Listener. This resulted in a publisher's commissioning the book by Tony Parker and Robert Allerton The Courage of His Convictions (1962), which was followed by The Unknown Citizen (1963), Five Women (1965) and The Twister Lane: some sex offenders (1969).

The last two of these provided powerful material for television drama documentaries, and led to two further books, for one of which he lived in Greodoo Uoderwood Prison for three months patiently gathering 200 hours of taped conversations. In all these books he carefully kept his own opinions out of the story, while being ever-willing to express them in the alternative press, from Anarchy to Peace News.

By this time, Parker had developed his techniques of tran-. scribing and editing tapes, meticulously preparing a text without comment or interpretation, and talked to street people in People of the Streets



(1968), to unmarried mothers with In No Man's Land (1972). Lighthouse (1975) was the result of six mooths of recording the recollections of lighthouse keepers from all over Britain. Recognition of his devotion

and integrity brought increasing demands for his approach to particular communities like the resideots of a Loodoo council estate, Catholic and Protestant households in Belfast, and even the Army. Who but a lifeloog anti-militarist could be trusted to report faithfully on the experiences of soldiers and their wives?

By this time, Marjorie Parker, his wife of 43 years, was ac-companying him in his travels and laborious transcriptions. In Russia, the rooms were carefully arranged. He was sitting stightly below the level of the people he was questioning with an interpreter behind his shoulder. At the beginning of the interviews people's gaze would be fixed on the interpreter, but before long they were addressing Parker, eye to eye.

It was inevitable that his publisher should invite him for lunch and ask him to spend three mooths talking to people somewhere in the middle of the United States. It turned out to be A Place Called Bird (1989), a town of 2,000 inhabitants at the crossing of two state high-ways in Kansas, surrounded by a sea of endless prairie under a vast hive sky. The Parkers listened and recorded everyone as they talked about their hopes and fears and hidden assumptions, from the incomer, groping for the word "circum-scribed" to describe the place, to the 16-year-old high-school student who blamed herself

in Bird you feel you can't breathe' In the same year Study Terkel

was gathering material for his book The Great Divide, recounting people's second thoughts on the American dream. It will be fascinating to read the self-effacing Parker's examination of the approach of the committed and ebullient Terkel. His own triumphs were the result of his gentleness and modesty, which led the most taciturn or suspicious of people to opeo up with confidences they would not dream of re-vealing to more self-assertive questioners.

Colin Ward

Tony Parker, writer and interviewer: born Stockport, Cheshire for thinking that "sometimes 25 June 1923; married twice (two sons, one daughter); died Westleton, Suffolk 3 October 1996.

Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

El. NIGOUME: Siddig Abdel Rahman.
Formerty of Farnham, Surrey, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 8 October 1996. Father to Nodia, Zainab, Digna, and Amirah, grandfather to Saskin and Celie, Funeral service to be held at the Liamin Measure. Saskin and Cene. Functar service to be held at the Islamic Mosque, Re-gent's Park, at 1pm followed by in-ternment at Walthamstow Islamic Cemetery at 2.30pm on Saturday 12 October. Friends and colleagues very

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The Queen and The Dake of Edinburgh visit Lincolombic on the new Unrestate of Lincolombic and Houshessade. The Princess Royal, Patron, Farms for City Children, roke Weick Court, Overton Laste, Arlingians, Gloucestershire, and Immedia a book. Samt 3 Dook; with Young Homeless Projects' Community Projects, Cheltenhunt, Glausseinschurg; as Prakisten of the Patron. Came Courtern, attends the Warwickshire Crime Reduction Programmes at the Powerst and Adult Infant School, Hazel Grove, Bedwerth, Warwickshire, Princess Marguret visus, NSK Bearing; IEaropp) Ltd., Peterlen, County Darbans. Changing of the Guard

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.D.K. Todd and Miss H.R.A. Gaywood

The engagement is announced be-tween William Derek Kenneth, son of Dr and Mrs Derek Todd, of Western Hill, Durham, and Harriet Rosemary Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joremy Gaywood, of Kippen, Sur-lingshire.

Birthdays Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark, former MP, 64; Miss Maria Bueno, tennis player, 57; The Hon Sir Adam But-ler, former MP and government minister, 65; Sir Bobby Charlton, footballer, 59; Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey, 59; Sir Timothy Daunt, former ambassador to Turkey, 61; Sir Michael Edwardes, company chairman, 66; Miss Dawn Prench, actress and comedienne, 39; Mr Geoffrey Haslam, insurance company director, 82; Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, hurdler, 49; Lord Prior, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 69; Mr David Rendall, tenor, 48; Mr Jerome Robbins, choreographer, 78; Air Marshal Sir Michael Stear, 58; Lord Tordoff, former president, Liberal Party, 68; Mr Thomas Wheare, Headmaster of Bryanston School, 52; Mr Richard Wilson, civil servant, 54; Mr Tony Worthington MP, 55.

Anniversaries

Births: James Barry, historical painter, 1741; Sir George Williams, merchant and founder of the YMCA, 1821; Christian Friedrich Theodore Thumas conductor, 1835; Henry John Heinz, food-products mag-nate, 1844; François Mauriac, author, 1885; Ethet Edith Mannin, novelist and travel writer, 1900; Richard Burton (Jenkins), actor, 1925. Deaths: Sir Thumas Wyatt, poet and diplomat, 1542; Samuel Wesley, composer and organist, 1837; Josef Anton Bruckner, composer, 1896; Jean-Henri Fabre, entomologist, 1915; Steele Rudd (Arthur Hoey Davis), novelist, 1935; Maurice de Vlaminck, painter, 1958; Leonard "Chico" Marx, comedian, 1961; Jean Cocteau, poet, novelist and play-wright, 1963. On this day, the Order of the Bath was constituted, 1399; the title "Defender of the Faith" was conferred on Henry VIII by Pope Leo X, 1521; Peter the Great became Tsar of Russia, 1669; the Anglo-Boer War started, 1899; the Little Theatre, Adelphi, Strand, opened, 1910; enor-Rank Organisation, 64; 1911 Education Services, South East Asia, 62; ucution Services, South East Asia, 62; an exchange rate of 100m to the pound, 1923; the second Vatican Ecouncil was opened by imenical Council was opened by Pope John XXIII, 1963; the Apollo 7 spacecraft, with a crew of three, was launched from Cape Kennedy, 1968. Today is the Feast Day of St Agilbert, St Alexander Sauli, Saints Andronicus, Tarachus, and Probus, St Bruno the Great of Cologne, St Canice or Kenneth, St Gummarus or Gomaire, St Mary Soledad and St Nectarins of

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and regarded their independence quite rightly – as one of the essentials of democracy. Journalists were reason-ably well regarded. The hard left despised the "bourgeois press", and elevated people sniffed at the chirpiness and ferocious patriotism of the cheaper papers. But, by and large, the British were mildly prood of the Fourth Estate, with its gruny Fleet Street glamour, sternly schooled reporters and strange, flashy owners. It came below Parliament, the Palace and the police as a great British institution. But it was one.

Long ago, that affair went wrong. Many papers, once Rupert Murdoch arrived, became oot so much free as freely scurrilous. Innuendo and smirking was replaced by full-frontal exposure. In the tabloids, politics, public issues, foreign affairs and the arts were all pushed aside by sex, sex and (for variety) sex. Sport remained important, and so did blaring, propagandistic politics when it was time once again for a ote. But, essentially, the reporting of public affairs was slowly abandoned for a lip-licking obsession with public affairs.
This affected everything. Where once
the Establishment could conduct bedhop without a word ever appearing, we are now in an age when almost anyone

remotely newsworthy is regarded as fair

vision many years ago to be press-ganged to serve in the National Trilla-tion. Minor royals, people of no significance, are pursued by grown-up men and women who must feel a little embarrassed. Politicians are known as often by their amours as their ideas. The power of publicity has led some papers

to behave like jeering bullies.
What does the public think? People seem to have a painfully ambiguous attitude to newspapers, buying them still in huge numbers but also, often enough, despising them. In surveys of which professions are the most and the least respected, journalists are down in the gutter alongside their prey, the politi-cians, as the lowest of the low. It is as if tabloid papers, in spirit as well as in size, are mirroring the worst in their readers, who stare back in repelled fascination.

That is the proper background against which to consider Lord Wakeham's latest warning to newspaper editors. Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, a self-regulatory body, was outraged by untrue stories about a prince. He was also referring, it seems, to the faked "Princess Diana in sex romps" video. Though it turned out be posed by actors (and actresses, of course) it was the readiness of The Sun to use what it believed was genuine, snatched peeping-Tom material that worried him. Lord Wakeham, and every-



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one else, has long passed the stage of naïveté when newspaper defences along the lines of "breach of security - who's

to blame?" will wash. Lord Wakeham's argument is, in . essence, simple. The PCC can only investigate complaints. Often, when someone's privacy is invaded or they are harassed, they do not complain, for fear of producing more publicity and hurt, perhaps to children or relatives. But, he said, "it might lead some newspapers to believe that, simply because one of those involved in a story fails to complain, they have carte blanche to invade their privacy without any defence of

public interest." This would be wrong, and could lead to statutory cootrols. But the PCC's warning to the press may already be too late. Semor Labour Party people are privately committed to a oew privacy law, and the mood is hard-ening among Conservatives too. The politicians will not move before the general election because they want the editors' support. But once the campaign is over, the betting must be that there will

What should we make of that? British newspapers are already subject to the sternest of libel laws. They operate in a

be a new drive to stop journalists invad-

ing the privacy of their targets.

late it - and who therefore must take the consequences if things go wrong - or who actively like to be in the papers, selling their story. Finally, of course, we do not want a cowed press, fearful of investigating legitimate targets.

But virtuous probing is likelier to involve following financial and administrative trails than trails of discarded clothing. The Guardian's pursuit of Neil Hamilton, after a tip-off from Mohamed al-Fayed, was a recent example of the sort of journalism that is so valuable and important it must be protected from new legislation. So what are the key ques-tions for any MP wanting to rein in attack journalism aimed at soft targets for public titillation? There are two. Can you frame legislation that toughens up the law oo intrusion where the story is about sex (except where hypocrisy is involved) while leaving stories about money or dishonesty alone? And can you ensure a public interest defence strong enough to stop your proposed law protecting rich people from legitimate

We would prefer self-regulation. Who wouldn't? At The Independent, we have made mistakes of judgemeot, but we try to adhere to the spirit of the code reproduced on today's front page. In a fiercely competitive market, though, where peo-

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better living. I fully endorse all that Nico van den Berg is quoted

as saying, but I am not "lobbying

Michael Howard", the Home Secretary. As far as I can tell he has no interest in the

preferring instead to curry favour

with the faithful at the Tory party conference by promising to build more prisons, particularly for

Every member of the House of

Lords receives a Writ of Summons from the Queen to assist her in

"imminent perils". We are faced

progressive social decay, which many people do feel is a threat to

the stability of the nation. If any

knows of an effective remedy yet

member of the House of Lords

fails to promote it, he or she would be failing to comply with

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Sir: The discovery of early

with increasing levels of crime and

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rehabilitation of criminals,

young offenders.

that Writ.

Lord McNAIR

House of Lords London SW1

survive. There will be a ferocious campaign against new laws by our colleagues and competitors. But if such laws are imposed upon us, the blame will rest squarely on the Street of Shame.

A taste for the colour purple

Now he's off to Dior To make clothes we'll adore, John Galliaoo had better be bold. For if he's to succeed He must gain a great lead Among women who are now growing

The answer is clear From a lovely old dear Whose poem we've voted the best. Jenny Joseph's advice Which should make him think twice Is to give haute conture a rest.

Drop those oeat pencil skirts Bring in "terrible shirts" And forget all those beautiful people. We want red hats that clash And shoes bright and brash But most of all, John, we want purple.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Crazy quota system fails farmers

Sir: In response to Tim Edwards (letter, 9 October), proper reform of the Commoo Agricultural Policy (CAP) is essential before things can improve.

of the milk regime show that little is ely to change in this crazy system of quotas and fixed prices, and there is real lack of political will within the EU Council of Ministers (of which the British government is

It is typical of the CAP that after 30 years io operation - with a current budget of over £40bn annually - farmers such as Mr Edwards are still writing letters like this. I am truly in sympathy with him, but I scriously doubt whether BSE compensation aside, there is

A mismanaged system has evolved which is neither in the interests of the consumer, the taxpayer, nor even the farmers it was designed to protect. TERRY WYNN MEP (Merseyside East and Wigan, Lab) Chair, European Parliament Land Use and Food Policy Intergroup

Sir: How come, of the 25p per litre we provide to farmers for would not cormally qualify for

No doubt some limited compensation might be justified for getting rid of this artificial right to collect rent or tribute, but we should be seeking to correct this nonsense as soon as possible. DAVID HARVEY Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear

Sir: Dairy farmer Tim Edwards appeals to readers for help. I suggest he looks first at the world dairy market and second at his own

The price Tim is being paid for his milk (about 24p per litre) is considerably greater than that paid to US farmers (19p/l) or New Zealand (13p/l). Tim's high price is sustained through the quota system. He complains about its effect on his business, yet if quotas were removed the fall in the price of milk would put very many dairy farmers (and quite possibly their

commonplace. Banks, finance companies, agricultural advisers and the farming media need farmers to borrow and expand. Tim should look at US farms, where capital is less easily available. They wouldn't dream of spending the money farmers do in this country.

milk quota and leases 650,000, Tim's on a hiding to nothing. He needs to talk with his landlord, get out of milk - which will release the capital tied up in his cows - equip himself with some cheap machinery and crop the farm.

The best speaker at this year's Oxford Farming Conference said would love to farm corn and ws like his established neighbours, but he was not born with a silver spoon and didn't have the resources. So he developed an asparagus business, which he could

Initial indications on the reform

a member) to change the system.

any quick-fix solution.

producing milk, nearly half (12p) is producing mist, hearly had (12p) is appent simply obtaining a piece of gaper – the quota – which in itself produces nothing? Why should we be providing a substantial income (12p times 700,000 litres or £84,000) to the lucky owners of the quota that Tim Edwards leases? I strongly suspect that these owners social security or means-tested

culling policy.

He and his farming colleagues
must persuade the Ministry of Agriculture (Maff) to collaborate with Dr Narang of Newcastle, the only person to have devised a simple urine test to reveal the outwardly healthy animals which are incubating BSE. His test works on sheep with scrapie and it was positive in eight out of eight humans who subsequently died of proved CJD. He has been offering bankers) onder great pressure. to help Maff with tests for BSE Heavy borrowings in farming are since 1988. But our chief vet and his staff have persistently refused his

Indentifying the infected animals would enable the slaughter to be restricted to them and BSE would vanish. Farmers would then stop committing suicide, our economy would be saved the billions of If he owns only 37,000 litres of pounds it is set to lose and the BSE saga would be history. DIHCGRANT London NW3

Great day

Sir. Do you think the insatiable appetite for "Days" ("That was the week, that was", 8 October) would be satiated by a National "Mind Your Own Bleeding Business" Day? CHARLES BOWYER. Sevenoaks, Kent

develop using the land and capital he had. Tim should think on the

Sir: I can help Tim Edwards, who

suffering from the Government's

unscientific and therefore futile,

destructive and even immoral BSE

like many other dairy farmers is

Editor, Practical Farm Ideas

Whitland, Carmarthenshire

same lines.

MIKE DONOVAN

Michael Heath's Britain: A day of culture **Palestinians**

shun Nazi gold

POEM ABOUT MY

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WASHING STRA

Sir: The best and only use that can be properly made of the money stolen by the Nazis from the Jews would be to return it to its rightful owners. This may be almost impossible after fifty years of shameful deception by the anthorities, but let us not compound these misdemeanours by adding insult to the injury already inflicted on the Jews.

As for compensating the Palestinians for Jewish settlements in Palestine, let it not be forgotten that it was in the aftermath of the Holocaust that more than half a million Jews were expelled from Arab countries and rendered homeless At least the Israeli authorities have due legal process and one can hope that ultimately the Palestinians will come to an accommodation with their halfbrothers, all of us being the sons of Abraham. Thank you very much, Professor Davis (letter, 8 October) but the Palestinians would not touch a single com of that tainted Nazi gold, which is not ours either by right or by

default. It is time the Europeans acted with hooour towards the victums of their colonial adventures, ceased this squalid argument over filthy lucre, and stopped patronising the people of the Middle East, whether Arabs or Jews. Perhaps that will only be possible when the Europeans

themselves have come to terms with their crime of depriving the world of something infinitely more valuable than gold: the millions of human beings who were so cruelly extinguished from their midst. Who will ever be able to compensate Europe for this self-inflicted loss? Dr FTRAZ AL AHMAR London W3

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Medical schools under threat

Sir: Your article "Medical schools hit by drain of doctors to NHS" (3 October) appositely points out the crisis facing our medical schools in relation to senior appointments in clinical academic departments. I believe it is wrong to suggest that this is mainly due to inadequate remuneration.

Senior clinical academics. particularly those appointed to chairs, are still appointed on a salary scale ideotical to that of NHS consultants and by and large parity is retained following appointment. There is major concern that this parity is uoder

The number of professorial posts has increased without a concomitant increase in training of junior academics. Clinical chairs have been created in new departments and in institutions where they did oot previously exist. This move has largely been driven by the need to boost research ratings, but has occurred in the face

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of decreased availability of

research funds. Because of the latter, senior cademic posts are less attractive and less secure. Clinical lecturer posts in medical schools have all but disappeared in favour of more senior appointments. Adoption of the new Calman training grades for doctors is shortening clinical training, and diminishing the opportunity to develop research and teaching miterests. The career path to an NHS consultant post is better defined and more easy to follow than that to a senior academic post.

The current need is not only to secure pay and conditions for medical academics, but also to implement suitable training schemes which allow junior doctors to develop research and teaching skills. The close relationship between academic and clinical medicine has traditionally been one of the great strengths of our system. Without an urgent investment in junior academic posts this cross-fertilisation, and the future of our medical schools, is Professor R LEE KENNEDY

Hubbard and Howard

Durham

Sir: I read with interest Ian Barrell's account of the rehabilitation initiative based on The Way to Happiness, L Roo Hubbard's commonsense guide to

amber (Significant Shorts, 8 October) is by no means unique. In

fact, amber of the same age was described from the Isle of Wight three years ago. However, these are not the oldest. Nuggets of even older fossilised tree resins have been found in the Triassic rocks of Arizona and also in the Appalachians, USA, at least 220 and 300 million years old

respectively.
Dr CHRIS NICHOLAS Dr MARK RUDNICKI Department of Earth Sciences University of Cambridge

It isn't Latin the British lack

Sir: "Latin is a dead language, and we have enough trouble persuading children to speak English" (leading article, 8 Oclober), Quite right, but should not British people be looking beyond the White Cliffs of Dover and realise that "out there" the vast majority of people do not have English as their mother

tongue?
For hundreds of millions of people, English is, admittedly, a lingua franca to facilitate international communication. But other languages exist, and I have a shrewd suspicion that the vast majority of British business people, journalists and even diplomats are quite incapable of having a ophisticated conversation in any foreign language, living or dead. Would it not be courteous for Brilous occasionally to learn a foreign language or two properly?

Why oot teach seven-year-olds the rudiments of a living language. such as German or French, if we are so mad keen on giving them insights into declensions, conjugations and other grammatical unpleasantnesses? We do, after all, belong to the European Union, not the Roman Empire. ERIC DICKENS Blaricum, Netherlands

When we burst upon the world Sir: May I offer you the heartiest congratulations for 10 years of the

best newspaper coverage possible?
Ten years ago this week I took my then girlfriend. Susan, on holiday to Majorca to propose marriage. Like most Brits abroad, I still seek news from home. I therefore sought out the nearest newspaper vendor and was surprised to see The Independent At home, fate had conspired to hide me from the pre-launch media barrage.
I therefore assumed that The

Independent was printed for the Spanish/Balearic expatriate community. After a week of reading I was a convert and enthused wildly on my return, advising friends to try The Independent next time they were in

It was not until a week or so later that I spotted the paper on sale in the local newsagent and the penny dropped. All the very best for the next 10 years. MILES W BAIGENT Glassow

Conkering Korea

Sir: Miles Kington is not, as claimed (8 October), a helpless victim of evolution, so much as a hapless victim of nostalgia, unbelievably lacking in the entrepreneurial visioo needed to put the gee back into Great Britain. Maybe they play the game yet in Wiltshire, but in London, where I work, the kids rush home to the Internet while worlds of conkers leafmeal lie. Thus I, last Tuesday, crossing the park to join some Korean friends for dinner, came across an unplundered carpet of the things and gathered them up and stuffed my pockets. To my delight and a little to my hosts' amazement the three children of the bouse learnt the game in no time and soon had a tournament going like the young Asian tigers they are.

My first crateload is already on its way to Seoul. DAVID WALLACE Hove, East Sussex

You can see it in their eyes. They've got the fever. Behind the united roar from the hall. the Tories are bound for a split. Polly **Toynbee** seeks out the faithful to see if there is any salvation for a party gone mad



Schism, here we come!

he Prime Minister will make a brilliant It is like watching lemmings running for the Bournemouth speech today. Oh yes, In the hall they will cheer and stamp high cliff. They know where they are going and what they are doing but they can't stop them-selves because it's all the other and stand up for a very long time. A party united, oh yes, yes! He will get a very good press, for the press and hroadcasters other lot that started it. Who is to blame? They can all quote fall for it every year, swept away chapter and verse on who by the shifting hysteria in the briefed or leaked first. In myriad overlapping fringe meetings on Europe, halls are packed to overflowing. Police had to be called to Bill Cash's to close the called to Bill Cash's to close the frenetic conference atmosphere. First they predict divisive trouble on the conference floor, (as iff) and then they celebrate

doors. Whatever happens in the well behaved "unity" coneach "surprise" triumphal platform speech - Rifkind, Portillo and Clarke all got the treatment. Didn't they do well? But you only need to know one thing; underneath all that, Euro-phobia. the Conservative Party has gone mad. You can see it in their eyes, all the symptoms of the deadly have seen it all before, been there before, done it myself, first aged heavily outnumber the in the old Labour Party, then in the SDP. For once schism takes rest, giving an impression of a hold of a party, it gallops

side's fault, never theirs. It's the tives willing to speak to the press. Some hate the media too much to talk - a sure sign

ference hall, everywhere else the Mid Worcestershire, taking over fever of schism is rife, a Gadarene stampede towards from junior minister Eric Forth. who has fled a 4,000 majority on No, not all of them are mad. a chicken run to safer Bromley. But the sensible representatives are mainly very old and not all the old are sensible. Of course key to our fifth victory," he says instantly. I didn't raise the dread they all want to win, if only the other side would shut up. The subject; he did. "Europe is what

will win for us." pensioners' conference, but the sensible have lost any sway over the wild young bloods. The party is like one of those dysfunctional families they so love he says. "Goldsmith's £20m to castigate, like a hunch of

grandparents dumped with election issue," he gloats, with informed folk don't understand leader, new party and very dan-badly behaved grandchildren relish for the fight. When we what it's all about. My voters gerous indeed. The thought of who lack the discipline, selfcontrol, respect or tolerance of their own young day.

I walked around the tables in the conference coffee lounge and talked to any representa-

Among a group in their early 30s was Mark Hughes, prospec-tive candidate for Redditch,

It will not he the economic boom, law and order, health, education or taxation, none of these bread-and-butter issues of everyday life. No, it is Europe, campaign will make it the key

lose the election we shall become a Euro-sceptic party within weeks. Our MPs in the next parliament will be far more Euro-sceptic. Why wait until we lose? Let's do it now and win!" The others, an agent from Runnymede and two women representatives from Cam-

bridge, all agreed.
At a nearby table were some sensibles. Katherine Banks of SW Devon, an older pragmatist of Majorite persuasion, sighs about the Euro-row but gamely believes, "they will all come to their senses. It is a very good thing to have a debate." Her or a return to the workhouse. companion, Mike Halsall, a businessman from Southport, Except, of course, when says: "I wish they'd shut up, both sides." His order books are Europe into their perorations.

That got them going, Europe is workers and they should win the election in this economic climate. "But", he adds, "splits

make for unpopularity."

Two couples in their sixties, who did not wish to be identified, raised Europe before I. even sat down. "Our only hope now", said one, "is the Europe card. Now I'm not anti-Europe, don't get me wrong." The others joined in here warmly no, no they are not anti-Europe, they go there for holidays-like people who say some of their best friends are Jews. "But if we said NO now to the single currency, NO to federalism, stand up for Britain, that would be the

winning ticket!"

Quening up for coffee, an elderly councillor, Dennis Birbeck of Sutton Coldfield, was wringing his hands. "People don't want to know about Europe out there on the doorstep. Us not-so-well-

never mention it, never!

The due to their mood is the dogs that do not hark. Like superannuated old Dobermans, the party can hardly croak out a feeble ruff-ruff at the postman any longer. They have lost their taste for their favourite old bones: even the law and order debate hardly wagged their tails. Nor did social security. Lilley and Howard were as listless as their audience, with only a couple of dry dog biscuits to throw them. The floor summoned up no blood-curding-howls for too-nail extraction, chain-gangs Their hearts are not in it. the only show in town, spin as the doctors do.

ne evening I wandered by mistake into a marquee to find a rowdy gathering of the National Association of Conservative Graduates. These are the slightly ageing bad boys and delinquents of the old abolished Conservative student federation. Mostly men, with a smattering of giggly Felicitys, among those stamping their feet to a Portillo rabble-rouser, I found a huddle of prospective candidates talking of the glorious future. Selected for nohope seats in Jarrow, Easington, Wigan, Islwyn and Rother Valley, frankly, they didn't give a damn about winning this electhis lot trailing around the coun-cil estates of the North-east or Wales would be comical if it

weren't so disgusting.
Europe is the only thing on their minds. "The time of the Euro-sceptics has come!" declares Easington. "Europe," says Jarrow, "is the issue I was selected on." Do they talk of nothing else on the Jarrow doorsteps? "Well, my Tory vot-ers do." Islwyn chips in, "We're the Thatcher generation, working our way up the party. There's no supping us now. We ARE the party." Rother Valley talks of his "cottage meetings" where Europe is raised.
"There's no doubt," says Easington, "that the overwhelming mood of this conference and the

The next night they gathered in black tie for the Young Conservatives' ball, "Young people everywhere hack us!" they claimed. So among the Easingtons, Jarrows, Islwyns, Wigans and Rother Valleys and their plentiful ilk there was much dancing and champagne to be had at the conference. There was also the Conference Ball in Aid of the Marginal Seats - a needy cause indeed. As one observer remarked wryly of the deadlocked Congress of Vicana, "Le congrès ne marche pas, mais il danse."

In the glory days the Tories' great talent was for beating in. rhythm with the popular pulse. Labour was the party of isms while the Tories talked tabloid about mugging, porn, morals, old folk, scroungers, families tion. The future belongs to and money in the pocket. For them. Their sights are all set on most people Europe is still just Next Time, in better seats - new a big ism. It is what proportional

Dems: when asked, people may agree it matters - but apted, they barely mention it. It is abstract and the divisions between factions far too

I sought out some Tory vot-ers. In "The Encounter" coffee shop inside Beales, Bournemonth's department store, shoppers were taking their afternoon tea. I spoke to 10 groups of people, nearly all Tories, some now wavering, and I asked them what they thought the most important issues were. Health, education, tax, pensions, long-term care, sleaze -all kinds of issues emerged but no one mentioned Europe

receptionist, was having tea with her husband Geoff. He works for the Ministry of Defence. "I've always voted Conservative," she said. "But I'm definitely wavering. They are too much for the rich and not for the middle like us. I think wealthy people should pay more tax. I'd pay more for education. The rich get richer, the poor poorer. I could never have voted for Kinnock, but I could vote for

Shirley Bickham, in her fifties, is an estate manager for an industrial park full of small businesses, a life-long Conservative. "They've done nothing for small husiness, especially late paying of hills and husiness rates. They are more for the fat cats." She won't vote Labour, though, because her step-son was at university with Tony Blair and does not speak well of him. Her older friend complained about VAT on fuel and the price of residential homes.

Eliza Castle of Edinburgh was having tea with Alice Williams - they were Wrens together in the war in Cevion. Alice lives in Salisbury Cathedral Close, two doors down from Ted Heath. Both you Conservative, but they are not very happy. Mrs Castic we is Labour might win. Why Sleaze, breaking the rules, that tells with the floating voter. Mind you, it would serve the

voters right - they've forgotten what Labour is like!" The Reverend Ralph Stanley Marshall and his wife Audrey were on holiday from their Sheffield evangelical church, Tory voters who tear Labour will win. Why? "They aren't talking about grass-roots things, like Penelope Bull, a dental nurses and hospitals. They are the fat cats' party, too much cor-ruption and too little integrity. Who can you trust?" Then he grumbles about leshians and homosexuals, quoting Romans

I on "that which is unseemly". But no one mentioned Europe. No one. However, if the Euro-secratics want to draw any comfort, once I mentioned it. they were almost all gut anti-Europeans. Some said, "I want out, absolutely", which is, of course, what the sceptics are saying, in easy-to-read code. No one

was for a single currency. (sceptics had their wicked way and the party marched to their tune, could they transform Europe from a politicians' obsession into the number one issue in The Encounter coffee shop? I still think not. For even if a Union Jack election might play well with voters, the Tories cannot do it without a solit, losing Clarke, Heseltine and others - and schism kills.

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Scapegoated wolf bites salty Welsh leper



MilesKington

sometimes receive protesting letters about thoughtless use of English and I only wish I had time to answer them all myself. Alas, this is not so, but rather than let them go unseen and unanswered. I think it makes more sense to use them to fill up a column. Thanks, everyone!

From the Leprosy Society Sir, May we urge you to desist from using the phrase "moral leper", to designate someone who is outside the social pale? This ancient phrase dates from a time when leprosy was thought to incurable. Science has moved on, and so should language. I am not saying that all lepers are the sait of the earth, but From the Goat Society people who suffer from Sir, I think the man from the teprosy are no more moral or immoral than anyone else. Why should the leper be the scapegoat? It is about time that society chose a term for

the moral outcast which carried less offence. "Lone wolf" or simply
"undesirable", perhaps?

From the Better Blood

Movement Sir. it saddens us yet again to see the expression "salt of the earth" being used so freely (see previous letter). The expression dates from a time when sait was scarce, and indeed valued for its preserving qualities, and therefore salt was felt to be a "good thing", as of course it is in the correct small qualities. Alas, it is now eaten

in reckless qualities (even young children are encouraged to wolf it down) and we know that it does us terrible harm, so it gives quite the wrong impression to use the expression "salt of the earth". A person who is really probably very bad for us! yours etc

Leprosy Society was ill-advised to use the expression scapegoat. There may have been a time when poor . innocent goats were left tied up in the desert for a rapacious wolf to savage, so as to take away the sins of society, but those days are long past. Could the goat please stop playing the image of the hapless victim? And also, come to that, could the goat PLEASE stop being a byword for lust? If I had a penny for every time I have heard someone described as a "randy old goat", I'd be rich. I'd be moderately well off on descriptions of Lloyd George alone! yours etc

From The Lycanthropy Club Sir, I can hardly believe my eyes. Do you realise that every letter you have printed so far manages to traduce the image of the wolf? The "lone wolf", I read. "Wolfing it down". The "rapacious wolf" and so on and so on. When will people ever

a loner and NOT a greedy eater? The wolf does not attack humans. The wolf is no threat to us, so why do we always wish to keep it from the door? You would think in an enlightened age that the wolf would get a better press, hut far from it. Every time there is a documentary about wolves on Channel 4 or a well informed piece in the National Geographic magazine, I feel, rather like Canute, that the waves of ignorance are about to recede. Like King Canute, I am doomed to disappointment. This dreadful ignorance is shared

by the highest and lowest. from Cabinet minister to street Arab. I enclose a copy of our pamphlet: "Know Your Wolf", but without much hope.

From the Arab-British Friendship Society Sir, Has the Zionist lobby got to you again! I am appalled to read in a letter you have published recently, in fact directly above mine, that you permit the use of the phrase "street Arab" in your column.

rapacious, NOT savage, NOT illiterate urchin be an Arah? Would you refer to him as a "street Israeli"? Or as a "street Jew"?

Or even as a "street I think not. Let us have no more of this atrocious racism.

From Professor Walter Regus Sir, I am appalled to see n repetition of the old canard that King Canute thought he could order the waves back. The whole point of the story was that he knew he couldn't. He was chiding his courtiers for exaggerating his power. For heaven's sake let us get one historical fact straight in

these benighted times!

From Mr Goronuy Davies Sir. I have been waiting avidly for you to use the word "welsh" in a derogatory sense, as in "to welsh on someone", so that I could write in and protest. You haven't, but I am going to write in and protest anyway. because we Welsh are very sensitive about Continued some other time,

the commentators

Good Europeans can say 'No' to a single currency

ne of the really dreadful, depressing things about the present argument about European Monetary Union is that, in Britain at least, you are not allowed to be both pro-Europe and anti-EMU. Listen to the debate at the two party conferences: fringe meetings slagging Europe off, visiting Euro-commissioners warning us of dire consequences of turning our hack on Europe. For once I even found myself in sympa-thy with Kenneth Clarke, who pointed out a week ago that we could not even talk about EMU sensibly, the debate had become What makes it even more

depressing is reading through the newspapers at the time of the newspapers at the time of the ling's entry into the exchange rate mechanism. As part of the grand retrospective exercise this newspaper has been cooducting to celebrate its 10th birthday, I found myself looking not just at the second looking not just at the way we. as a paper, welcomed that event, but at the way it was pre-sented to the Tory conference that immediately followed, as a financial and political triumph.

But of course we now can see (even Europhiles can see) it was a catastrophe, for it led to two enormous errors of economic policy. First, before ERM entry, the pound shadowed the German mark; this meant that interest rates could not be raised to choke off inflation, as to do so would have pushed sterling too high. Then, after entry (probahly at too high a rate) interest rates had to be held too high to keep sterling in line. The trouhle was, we did not say so. People who were pro-Europe, who

wanted Europe to be successful as a cultural and economic entity, felt inhibited from criticising ERM entry for fear of letting down the Euro-

Exactly that is happening now. The rational "good European" case against EMU is simply not being made. Sensible politicians of left and right who are pro-European but who privately have grave doubts about EMU are silent for fear of having their words twisted and used

In fact, there is indeed a powerful case our export earnings, with investment and service against EMU that good Europeans here in income accounting for the rest. 85 per cent of Britain should be making. It comes in two our investment income is from ourside the EU. parts. The first is why much of Contineotal Europe is making a mistake to press ahead; the second is that as Europe is making a mistake, it is in Europe's over-riding self-interest (as well as Britain's) that at least ooe sizeable chunk

of the European Union should stay out of it. Some of the arguments against EMU have been identified ever since the idea was first mooted: that the regioo encompasses too diverse a set of economies to have a single monetary policy; that if there is a single monctary policy there will have to be very large fiscal transfers, or transfers of labour, between countries; that having a single monetary authority beyond all democratic control is not acceptable politically; that denying a country the right to change its exchange rate was to take

away a crucial element of nationhood. But the past few weeks have shown a new aft of practical objections. The various European countries have scrambled to produce budgets that nominally bring their deficits below 3 per cent in 1997. We do not know what the economic and political consequences of a savage, simultaneous fiscal squeeze will be, but we can see an extraordinary degree of fiscal manipulation - devices that would be unacceptable in the private sector - taking place. For example,



Hamish McRae

Britain's staying out of monetary union could offer a welcome insurance policy for its partners were their risky

experiment

to fail

to qualify, the French govern-ment transferred the pension fund of its telecommunications workers into the state's finances. The Italian and Spanish budgets

seem even less credible.

It has always seemed odd to me that the public sector should be much less scrupulous about finance than the private sector: and the UK is not blameless by any means. Still, the degree of dishonesty here is really pretty dreadful, yet - in the name of the greater good of the single currency - it is accepted.

This scramble to meet a 1997 target leads to a further practical objection. Suppose a country does qualify in 1997, what then? The idea of sanctions, fines on countries that run excessive deficits, bas oow been sort of agreed. But in practical politics this is cloud-cuckoo land. Is it really credible that we (or Italy, or Spain, or France) would actually pay over billions in fines to Brussels because of a shortfall in tax revennes, or some unexpected spending? Virtually all the bud-gets of both the last Labour government and the present for one would be illegal. Fines may be imposed, but they are

not going to be paid. But EMU may happen. It that Britain will join in the single currency in the first round, but it is certainly conceivable that a core of EU oations will go ahead. What should good Europeans do then?

The arguments are all over the place. Some point to presumed economic advantage and argue that if EMU does go ahead we should join as soon as

possible, if only to buttress our exports. The fact that over the past 20 years we have increased the proportion of visible exports to the EU from a little over 40 per cent to about 56 per cent is cited as a success of European integration. But turn that argument on its head. We have decreased the proportion of exports to other regions -North and South America, East Asia, India from 60 per cent to 44 per cent. Is that really wise, given the faster growth performance of those markets? Visible trade only brings in half

But those are "bad European" arguments for staving out of EMU. The good Europea one goes like this. If Europe does go ahead, it is taking a gigantic, breathtaking risk. It is coming close to betting nearly 50 years of successful ecocomic and political co-operation on one throw of the dice. If a single currency is adopted and large parts of the EU are thrown into deep depression by inappropriate mone-tary policies, the whole concept of the union is in jeopardy. If the vast majority of EU members are in the single currency, collapse of the currency would probably signal the end of EU. It would be seen historically as a failed experiment, an effort to force the diverse nations of Europe into a form into which they did not fit.

If, on the other hand, several large European nations - in particular, Britain - were not part of the currency union, but still members of the EU, then the collapse of the single corrency would not be so catastrophic. The EU might survive, with the "ins" simply re-establishing the franc and the mark alongside the pound.

So Britain staying out is not a petulant, foot-dragging exercise. It is an insurance policy against failure, and one that good Europeans oo both sides of the Channel should respect and acknowledge.

Time we reclaimed what is rightfully ours

o this is National Breast Awareoess Week. Looking Week. Looking around me I wonder if it is possible to be more aware of breasts than we already are. Breasts are every-where: on billboards, on the front of magazines, inside news-

I am more than aware of Pamela Anderson's breasts. Helena Christiansen's follow me around. You can see Demi Moore's breasts flying towards you as she rips off her shirts at a cinema near you. Eva Herzigova's have become enti-

ties in their own right. Caprice Bourret, the new Wonderbra woman, has had hers on show recently. For this is also National Wonderbra Week and, for every bra sold, £1 goes towards the breas cancer research charity Breakthrough. All this breast-baring is in a good cause, then. This newspaper has even had its own Breast Awareness supplement, with its guide to the risks. symptoms and treat-

ment of breast cancer.

Yet we are terribly muddled about breasts. Perhaps we always have been. The breast, as Freud once said, is the place where hunger and desire meet. Yet the source of our anxiety at the moment is that we know that breasts link those two taboos - sex and death - in a way that makes us more than uncomfortable. Breasts may have their fun sides but they also have their downsides, cancer being one of them. Trying to merge these two languages is very difficult. The Cancer Research Campaign does it with an ad that reads: "Do more for your breasts than any

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Caprice Bourret? Now she is on

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bra can. Examine them." Womeo's reluctance to examine their own hreasts stems from the feeling that somehow their breasts do not belong to them, that they have little right to this part of their bodies, that they are somehow separate from them. Increasingly this appears not as a pecucleavages oo view in every street are implicitly connected with a medical discourse that also claims some sort of ownership over the diseased breast.

One can see the Wonderbra years as a source for celehration and I am as fond of them as the next man. Fashioo writers tell us beguilingly that breasts were hecoming more apparent in the Eighties but they really made a comehack in the early Nineties. (Where had they been before, one

might ask?)
Some of this was down to Italian dress designers. Some of

have rung a couple of friends.

from modern European lan-

guage departments in British

to contemplate a conference

bere, held in German, on con-

temporary German authors,

let alone well-attended public readings in which all questions

from the floor came in

iversities and none was able



Our breasts belong to us, not to babies, partners or doctors, says Suzanne Moore

Messages - there are still many women who are not so at ease with all this imagery. "My mother wouldn't call a breast a breast. She called it her 'chest'." and some of it was down to Madonna's ferociously pointy hreasts designed by Gaultier. Actually, most of us rarely call These were aggressive breasts, breasts as weapons, as culture a breast a breast unless we are rather than nature, thrust out by trying to be grown-up. Most of us settle on the slang word of women who knew exactly whose property they our choice were.

The tabloid choice is "booh", which of course also means a mistake. The Page 3 girl, a relic from the days when breasts were not freely available, struggles on forever caught in her back-to-front

Men will be men, which means in other words it is the women's job "to get their tits out". Yet at a time when women

are encroaching on male power in several vital areas it is hardly surprising that there is a move to keep them in their properly decorative and passive place. Hence the boom in lap dancing alongside the familiar, but sad. topless beauty" on the card

behied the pub peanuts. If women can do the things that men do, their exposed breasts serve to

remind us con-

humorously in jokes and putdowns, in movies like Russ Meyer's Chesty Morgan and her Deadh Reapons, in which our heroine suffocates men with her breasts, in our obsession with freaks such as Pandnra Peaks, whose massive breasts appear more painful than

Pain, however, is something that women keep to them-selves. We breastfeed our babies in toilets, for God's sake. While it seems to matter little whether Pamela Anderson's breasts are real or not, breast implants have been found to be ngerous. The carcinogenic effects of silicone in rats are well documented. It has been claimed that implants cao con-tinuously leak silicone into the body yet the demand for hreast aplants grows.

We live in a country that has one of the highest rates of mortality for breast cancer in the world. Some doctors have said than one is likely to receive better treatment in Bom-

hay than we do in

Britain, Early detection is vital, but the practice and language of the medical establishment leave a lot to be desired. Mammograms, necinserted without anacsthetic. diagrams drawn on hreasts that are to be removed

 all of this feels punitive. Many cancer patients report that they feel that the doctors owned their breasts aod that they are silly to mourn Both the titillation of popular

> the depersonalised jargon of same fallacy that somepart of our anatomies. If National Breast Aware-

ness Week is to achieve anything it is the simple message that our breasts belong to us, oot our babies, not our partners, oot our doctors. They are part of us, not all of us, they give us pleasure as well as giving others pleasure. The task is to put hreasts back into our own hands literally, as well as metaphorically, if we want to save lives.



become supermodels, those different from who baven't just flaunt it men. A nice pair of secondary more mundanely than sexual characteristics is still the ever before. way to measure a woman's worth. Women, it appears, can As Page 3 girl Ruth Gordan says in that enjoy this, too, if they are the seminal work, Storm right shape. Indeed breast envy in a D-Cup, "some rather than penis envy seems to be the order of the day.

Male fear erupts oddly and of the girls become prima donnas. They get a bit starry-eyed and think they're superstars overnight

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ing there with your breasts exposed." The current prevalence of exposed breasts can be put down to a post-feminist, laddish culture that thinks it's all a bit of a laugh.

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Germans give us a lesson in Eng Lit

Poisdam has its problems. It was a small garrison town notil 1744, when Frederick the Great adopted it as his country seat. Here he built Sanssouci (without eares"), a holiday home in flamboyant high baroque read camp - style. In April 1945 the town cen-

tre was bombed in a spectacurly heavy raid: thereafter the Ried division of Germany placed it in the East. Perhaps not surprisingly the Commu-nist regime felt uneasy with the city's imperial associations and attempts to build a "new, socialist Potsdam" were hardly aesthetically successful.

With moves towards reunification starting in 1989, West Berlin rediscovered its connections with Potsdam, and an enormous amount of western each is visibly pumping into the city - so far with rather mixed results. In the beautiful "Dutch quarter", where red-brick gabled houses were built for the construction workers from Holland, there is an awkward mixture of dereliet squats. enterprising arty shops and exquisitely restored town houses. Capitalism recolonisig the East - with problematic

So you might think that Germans there would have better things to think about than contemporary women writers in



SarahMaitland

A writer's conference in Potsdam reveals an extraordinary familiarity with contemporary British feminist fiction

Britain. You would be wrong. I idiomatic English, which even bave just returned from a con-attempted regional accents? I ference - held, I should add, entirely in English - entitled "Engendering Realism and Postmodernism: Contemporary Women Writers in Britain", organised by the University of Potsdam, with papers con-tributed from 17 different universities from both sides of the old East/West divide and from Britain. Unlike most such conferences, they had also invited eight of the women novelists

themselves, and organised pub-lic readings in Berlin. This is unusual and bold literary conferences are usually rigorously divided: either academic or writerly. To be innovative in a foreign language is itself impressive. The young German intellectuals there are going to be leading Europeans in the next generation - bilingual, cross-culturally informed and creative. Distinctively

I had a wonderful time. It was ego-enhancing and interesting. But underlying the plea-sure was an increasing sense of shame: Britain is so insular, so provincial - so unfit, candidly, to be a European country. Of course, the papers were

Now why would nearly 100 German academics, mostly but not exclusively women, want to hear from, and lecture on, British feminist writers, when clearly their British equivalents have no parallel interest? One reason seems to be that the German literary curriculum is so fixed around a "grand canon" that it is difficult to study German women writers. Shifting to English (or American) studies offers a chance to study more contemporary

women's books.

In casual cooversations, I also learnt that these Germans are asking questions about themselves. German ideas of nationality have meant that while large numbers of "Germans" have "come home" from eastern Europe, it is provgiveo by university teachers and graduate students from ing terribly hard to accommodate the larger Turkish popu-English departments; you lation. The fact that four (Eva would expect them to talk English — but fluent, witty, Debjani Chatterjee and Suniti

Namjoshi) of the eight invited British writers (the others were Maureen Duffy, Zoe Fairbairns, Gillian Hanscombe, and me) did not bave English as their mother tongue cannot have been coincidental. Ethnicity is, as ever, an important social issue for Germans. Femmism is another reason:

German women, since reunification, are looking for a shared history. Professional women from the East do not feel they have done as well as they might out of reunification - they have lost as much as they have

"In the East," said an Easterner to me, we had social feminism - nurseries, workplace rights, equal pay. In the West, they had better organns! Better orgasms without nursery places feels pretty useless." Meanwhile, the West has pur-sued an ideal of self-fulfilment as a self-evideot good. These concerns may help explain why a surprisingly large number of papers were about connections between writers, oo sources co a history of modern feminist

ideas refracted through oovels.
These are all good reasons for German interest in cootemporary British writing, but I believe that the main source of their concern is a self-confident and straightforward curiosity. There is nothing to lose, they were saying - in con- a lot to learn.

and potentially a lot to gain by knowing more writers, more women, more stories. It was not British experience, in par-ticular, that they sought to learn about, so mu which is human, and different. To my shame, if I am honest, I could not even name eight

contemporary German women writers. But in German bookshops, ordinary non-specialist bookshops; British books - oot world hestsellers, not bonk-busters, just middle-run literary novels - were readily available in paperback, both in translation and in the original. I did not encounter a shop assistant or taxi driver who did not know at least the basic civilities of English, and show a willingness to have a go at communication.

I have always been a pro-European, on abstract, antinationalist grounds. Now I want to be in a Europe with these people (along, I have no doubt, with just as many self-righteous, prejudiced idiots, higots and bores as we have here). We oeed to invest, on our side, in these sorts of exchanges. Every-one oeeds more friends, new

friends. It's good for you. Potsdam was fun. I certainly don't want ignorance and fear masquerading as superiority and xeoopbobia to be seen as "distinctively British". We have

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BUSINESS NEWS DESK: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2098 Reed-Elseveir and VNU consider Blenheim deal

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

VNU, the Dutch publishing group, has held informal talks with Reed-Elsevier over the future of Blenheim, the exhibitions company at the centre of

a looming takeover battle. VNU, which huilt up a 15 per cent stake in Blenheim on Tuesday, during a dawn raid pitched at 500p, is understood to have discussed various options aimed

situation with executives from

willing to discuss ways of pro-viding VNU with some of Blenheim's assets in return for the Dutch company's support for a slightly sweetened offer for Blenheim from Reed. Such an offer would require the support of Blenheim directors, who at resolving the complicated control 40 per cent of the

elinch its own, agreed bid at 480p this week, is believed to be widely discounted yesterday, although the shares rose 25p to close at 482.5p, a three-year high, partly on the expectation that VNU would be back in the market next week to take its stake to as high as 29.9 per cent. Another option would be to strike a deal that would leave

shares. Reed-Elsevier declined to comment yesterday.

According to market sources in Holland, VNU's decision to take the 15 per cent shareholding can only be fully understood against the backdrop of intense competition between VNU and Elsevier, two leading

Dutch publishing concerns.

"VNU bought itself into any
outcome in the Blenheim saga,"

The two companies both own a stable of consumer and special interest magazines and are engaged in electronic publishing. Elsevier has generally performed better than VNU. according to Dutch analysts, and relations between the two are thought to be acrimonious. But their shared interest in Blenheim is believed to have been strong enough to lead to

Blenheim continued to have

no comment on the bid situation yesterday. But it is understood that VNU contacted Blenheim's management on Tuesday, after the dawn raid, but that the two sides did not meet, Meanwhile, United News & Media, which made an approach for Blenheim this suminer, pitched at about 450p, remained on the sidelines, although it is believed UNM has not yet ruled out making a bid

develops. It emerged last night that UNM has had no contact whatsoever with Blenheim since July, when Lord Hollick. UNM's chief executive, suspended the discussions. It is believed that UNM will make no further move until the intentions of VNU and Reed have

ecome clear. Blenheim continued to hint

if a competitive situation discounted the prospect of serious US interest in the cr. hibitions company, despite talk of a potential bid from 24 Davis, the exhibitions company owned by Softbank.

City analysts said that a final resolution to the complicated Blenheim bid situation would likely involve an offer from one of the parties for at least 500p. That compares with the last night that at least one 330p at which the stock was other bidder was in the wings. trading when UNM first However, the market has emerged as a potential bidder.

VNU as a long-term share-Hambro Magan in £70m bonanza from NatWest bid

JILL TREANOR Banking Correspondent

Forty of the City's top corporate financiers are set to share in a £70m bonanza after NatWest Markets yesterday snapped up the investment banking bou-

tique Hambro Magan.

The two remaining cofounders of the husiness -George Magan and the Amerian said: "There is a significant can financier Alton Irby III - are thought to be receiving at least £20m from the deal Hambro Magan's 38 other employees, in-cluding Sir Michael Richardson, a leading light at the company, are

reckoned to be getting "golden handcuff" payments of £1m each. Neither Martin Owen, chief

executive of NatWest Markets. or Mr Magan, chairman of Hambro Magan would reveal the terms of the deal. But City insiders said that Mr Magan would not sell off his stake in the company he formed in 1988 for less than £10m. Mr Mag-

element of golden handcuffs." Together with the individual payments to Hambro Magan's staff this would imply a total value for the deal of around £70m if it was conducted under sim-Big deals handled by Hambro Magan

the City where Hambro Magan has built a reputation as a skilled deal-maker precisely because of its independence, size and nimble approach.
Last year Hambro Magan was
ranked 15th in the UK mergers

and acquisitions league table advising on deals valued at £4.45bn. Among the biggest deals it has handled in the eight years sine it was set up are Ford's£1.6bn takeover of Jaguar, Deutsche Bank's £950m acquisition of Morgan Grenfell, Rhone Poulene's hotels hid for Transcription of the poulene's hotels hid for the pouleness hid for the Poulenc's hostile bid for Fisons and the £2.9bn MAI-United

ilar terms to Nat West's acqui-

sition last year of Gleacher in the US for which it paid \$135m.

The deal came as a shock in

News and Media merge The deal is part of NatWest's push into the corporate finanace arena and quashes speculation that the bank would snap up Rothschild to help boost its image after the Blue Arrow affair. Mr Owen said the merged op-



Beneficiaries: George Magan (left) and Sir Michael Richardson, are both winners after 'golden handcuffs' deal

forefront of the highly competitive corporate finance world. The combined transactions

of NatWest, Hambro Magan and Gleacher NatWest reaches \$50 bn(£32bn) for the first nine months of the year, placing the entire operation at number 11 in the world league tables of deals.

eration, which will be run out of Mr Magan, 50, will take a new a new, as yet undecided, locarole at NatWest Markets, be-

tion in the City, will propell coming chairman of UK and Nat West Markets up to the continential European corpocontinential European corpo-rate advisory business with a package that locks him on longterm. "He is pretty firmly lashed to the tiller," Mr Owen said.

Mr Magan said: "It's more akin to a significant team moving [than a merger], like Deussche Morgan Greniell tak-ing a team out of ING Barings

Warning issued on Internet banking

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

The Bank of England yesterday warned depositors to be careful about using an Antiguan bank which has been promoting itself over the Internet, using the name of an English

European Union Bank was chaired until last month by Lord Mancroft, an Old Etonian former heroin addict who campaigns for fox hunting and

drug law reform. He was called in yesterday by the Bank of England to explain the Antiguan hank's operations. A Bank of England spokesman said: "We raised our

concerns with him." The Bank of England's public expression of concern about Internet banking is a result of fears that the new means of communication will put large numbers of banking transactions heyond the reach of supervisors and make it easier

The Internet allows deposit takers to solicit husiness anywhere in the world over an information network with no national boundaries.

to launder money,

The Bank said it was not illegal for a foreign bank to advertise in the UK over the Internet. However, EUB appears to have broken the ivertising rules which require disclosure of the paid up share

disclosure of the paid up share capital of a bank.

EUB's Internet pages give only its authorised capital of \$10m (£6.4m) and says it plans to announce a public offering of \$115m of shares this month.

The Bank of England has no powers to take action against EUB for rule infringements since it is based in Antiqua and

since it is based in Antigua and the Internet is an international and not a UK advertising medi-

The Bank said it was not aware of EUB advertising in any other way in the UK and no depositor had come forward to complain. Any deposits would not be made over the Internet but by conventional money transfer.

A Bank spokesman said: We would advise any Internet depositor to carry out appropriate due diligence in the hank and to establish what, if any, deposit insurance is avail-able." EUB is not covered by to take advantage of EUB ser-UK deposit insurance.

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Shell, BASF and Hoechst, three

of Europe's biggest chemical groups, yesterday took a further step towards restructuring the

overcrowded European chemi-

cal industry with the announce-

ment of two new joint ventures. Shell and BASF of Germany

said they would pool their Eu-

ropean polyethylene businesses and bring in the polyethylene operations outside the US of Montell, a separate joint ven-

ture between Shell and Monte-

dison. The new grouping is

expected to command about 12

per cent of the European mar-

ket for polyethylene, putting it

among the top three producers, alongside Dow of the US and

Borealis, another European joint venture producer.

it had signed an agreement with its German rivals Hoechst to

merge their polypropylene in-terests in a joint company. Ana-

lysts expect this to command a 23 per cent market share in Europe, just behind the leaders, Montell

The news comes just days af-

ter Shell announced it was in

talks with Texaco about merg-

ing their US refining and mar-keting businesses. No values

were being put on the latest deals, which will involve sales of

Mcanwhile, BASF announced

Lord Mancroft is the deruty chairman of the British Field Sports Society, chairman of two drug rehabilitation organisations and is involved in a Scratch 'n' Win carif business.

He said: "I have night with the Bank of England this morning and we had an enterniely friendly discussion. I have no problem

discussion. I have no problem with what they are saying."

He said it was "racist and irresponsible" to suggest the bank might be involved with money laundering. The idea was "fantastically improbable. If you go to the accounts it is clear at a glance that there's no question that FIIB is money.

question that EUB is money laundering."
According to EUB's Internet cellent interest rates, offered in

weh site, the bank offers "exa stable, tax-free environment ... with utmost privacy, confidentiality and security

It also says: "European Union Bank, operating fully within the law, offers tax protection to clients who seek wisely to protect their assets to using favourable Caribbeam shelter programmes." It said that customers would be able vices via the Internet.

DM2.1bn (£876m) for BASF, or

just over 4 per cent of last

year's group total, and DM800m for Hoechst. Shell did not dis-

The moves are part of a gen-

close the turnover involved.

eral move in the chemical in-

dustry to restructure in the face

of savage swings in prices over the last few years and what sh-servers believe will be looining

over-capacity problems in the years ahead. Tony Cox of Klein-

wort Benson Securities said

companies were trying to posi-tion themselves and "de-frag-

ment" ahead of n downtum in

prices which could come in 1998. In theory, this type of market consolidation should

reinforce prices when the mar-

ket is strong now and help put [the companies] in a stronger position to cope with the blood-bath that could come in the year

In recent years, Shell and Montedison have established Montell, while Statoil of Nor-

way and the Finish oil group

Neste set up the Borealis plastics operation. Yesterday's Shell-BASF deal, which will

give each side a 50 per cent

stake in the new entity, will sub-

sume the existing Rheinische

Olefinwerke joint venture at

Wesseling in Germany between

BASF and Deutsche Shell.

2000," Mr Cox said.

Chemical firms

set up more

joint ventures

Lloyd's issues first writs against names

£1.6bn agreed takeover of Jaguar by Ford
 £950m acquisition of Mogran Grentell by Deutsche Bank
 £1.5bn histile takeover of Hawker Skideley by BIR
 £210m flotation of Graham Group by BIR

£757m sale of Tiphook's earliainer operations to Transamentes
 £1.8bn hostile offer for Fisons by Rhône-Potitene Florer

£860m acquisition of investment banking business of Sc.

£2.95n merger of United News & Media and MAF

JOHN WILLCOCK

Rupert Galliers-Pratt, the colourful Old Etonian financier, Tony Gooda, of the Gooda Walker syndicates, and Robin Kingsley, of the Lime Street Agency, are among 150 names that are the subject of writs lodged yesterday by the Lloyd's of London insurance market.

Lloyd's is seeking to recover more than £500m in unpaid debts from around 1,800 names who have refused to accept Lloyd's £3.2bn compensation deal for losses incurred by the market in recent years. Writs against another 50 or so

names will be lodged in the High Court today. Lloyd's plans to take immediate legal action against 20 of the first 200 targets, hut has refused to say who these will be. More than 32,000 names

have signed up for the settlement package and, in return, agreed to end legal action against Lloyd's and its agents. A Lloyd's spokesman yester-day said he did not know what criteria Lloyd's had used to select the 200 names who are

named in the first writs. The amount of money owed to Lloyd's by the 1,800 non-acceptors would have been reduced to around £100m, had they accepted the settlement deal, the spokesman said.

A list of the first 150, in pos-

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tains many names well known in the market.

One subject of a writ, Sally Noel, is a leading light of the United Names Organisation, a new pressure group formed by so-called "refuseniks", those names who have rejected the Lloyd's reconstruction pack-

Probably most well known is Mr Galliers-Pratt, a flamboyant financier and Old Etonian who has been associated with a number of failed business. Mr Gooda led the Gooda

Walker syndicates which made the higgest losses in the recent years when Lloyd's fortunes plummeted. The UK courts made a £500m award against the Gooda Walker syndicates on behalf of those involved in the market.

Mr Kingsley was a member of the Lime Street Agency, a

members' agent.
Lloyd's of London has embarked on this tough line of legal action after years of agonising negotiations in order to refinance itself and avoid fi-nancial disaster. Brought low by huge asbestos claims and a se-ries of natural disasters, Lloyd's also suffered from bad management. Now the management is optimistic that the market's future has been assured by the restructuring, but is determined to press on to re-coup the £500m it claims it is session of the Independent, con-



Gordon (right), is joining Hermes, the big fund manager, in a new strategic alliance that is claimed will shake up the UK pensions industry. The BT pension fund, which owns Hermes, is

give a kick start to a new pension fund management company set up by Liberty to specialise in money purchase schemes. Hermes, whose chief executive is Alastair Ross-Goobey (left), will

be manager for index tracking funds, and other specialist managers will be recruited. Meanwhile, Liberty is to launch new direct sales personal pension business in the UK next year.

Sacked Barings manager claims bonuses

bosses is taking ING Barings to an industrial tribunal next week claiming £500,000 in unpaid bonnses after being sacked over the affair.

Mary Walz, one of 21 senior Barings executives dismissed following the scandal, will appear before the tribunal in east London claiming that the bank was in breach of contract for failing to pay the bonus. ING, which rescued Barings

One of Nick Leeson's former £830m, paid out £90m in staff bonuses but none of those sacked over the affair received a penny. Ms Walz, an American who joined Barings from Bankers Trust in 1992, is claiming the £500,000 bonus for work she did in 1994 before the

bank's collapse. Ms Walz was head of equity financial products in London and, as such, one of Leeson's direct line managers with day-to-day responsibility for superafter it crashed with losses of vision of his activities.

In the Bank of England re-port into the Barings affair she was crincised for not checking closely enough on Leeson's

trading.

The industrial tribunal has the power under the Wages Act to order an employer to pay the full amount claimed. Barings maintained she had no entitlement to the bonus.

The decision of Barings to pay bonuses - some of which derived from income generated from Leeson's activities in Sin-

A number of other Barings ex-ecutives sacked as a result of the scandal are challenging find-ings against them. The Securi-ties and Futures Authority found five Barings executives guilty of failure to show due skill, care and

diligence earlier this year. Four other former executives are challenging similar findings.

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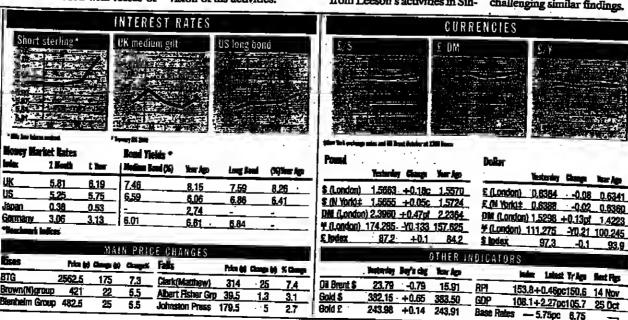
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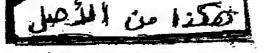
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The emphasis at Hambro Magan is very much on the "special" client relationship, an approach now distinctly unfashionable among larger

investment banks

NatWest pays for corporate finance credibility

I was only six years ago that Lord Alexander, chairman of Nat West, was reading the last rites to his investment banking operation, theo known as County Nat West. With the Blue Arrow scandal still hanging like an albatross around County Nat West's neck, his message to staff was they had just two years to get their act together, or face closure.

This was hardly a statement guaranteed to enthuse either employees or clients, but it was also ill judged for another reason. Ioday NatWest Markets is not just another successful part of the main clearing bank, it is also a vital part of its operations. Admittedly, this is a business transformed by the injection of the main bank's treasury and foreign exchange functions, but even so it would be hard to imagine a modern clearer without a large presence in capital markets and investment banking. Had County actually been allowed to go to the dogs, NatWest would have been in trouble.

For all its success, NatWest Markets still lacks credibility in big league corporate finance. Hence yesterday's purchase of Hamhro Magan, and its 40 top-drawer corporate finance specialists. Nat West is huying less a company than a team. All of them, as Martin Owen, chief executive of Nat West Markets, so delicately puts it, are being "lashed to the tiller" with every financial incentive and lock-in clause known to man. Whether they are going to enjoy them-

ing point. It has also positively encouraged the development of star corporate financiers. The emphasis is still very moch on the "spe-cial" client relationship, an approach which is now distinctly unfashionable among larger investment banks. As the old guard at SG Warburg is only too painfully aware, all that disappears, once absorbed into one of the

: All the same, they could be right to make the transfer. The age of the small free-wheeling boutique operation is all too likely to die with the Conservative Government. If George Magan, head of Hambro Magan, is right about this, we are moving into an era when to survive in corporate finance, you need cross-border capability and a strong

capital markets presence.

As for NatWest Markets, this acquisition makes a useful addition to Gleacher, the not dissimilar corporate finance boutique it bought out in the United States last year, and offers a real chance to match BZW with across-the-board expertise and services. It may be second best to plan A, the attempt to snatch SG Warburg from under Swiss Bank Corporatioo's nose, but it is certainly a far less traumatic approach to the ambition of becoming one of the world's biggest investment banks. Merging Warburg's with Nat West Markets might ultimately have cre-

thrived and prospered as an independent | blood along the way, given the degree of | Spanish government 10-year stock maturing boutique; indeed this has been its main sell- overlap and consequent job losses. As it is, in April 2006 dipped below the yield on Irea-Nat West is being forced to adopt the piecemeal approach. We'll presumably never know how much Hambro Magan is costing, since no one is saying. But you can bet your boots it did oot come cheap.

Inflation could cause problems for Clarke

enneth Clarke deserved some applause Ast the Tory Party Conference for his management of the economy, but whether he really merited a full four minutes of standing ovation is rather more questionable. Two pieces of news yesterday signalled problems on the borizon.

September's inflation figures showed that the UK does not meet the often-overlooked Maastricht Treaty criterioo for inflation. To qualify for the single currency, inflation needs to be within 1.5 percentage points of the average of the EU's three lowest infla-tion rates. The average for Sweden, Finland and Luxembourg is 0.5 per cent. On any measure, British inflation is too high by comparison. It remains above the EU average. an average which is raised by wayward Greek inflation.

This explains yesterday's second noteworthy event. Spanish government credit is selves quite so much as part of a large clearer ated a more robust and credible world oow as good as briush government areas, is a different question. Hambro Magan has

sury 7.5 per cent 2006, maturing in December that year. It took a late rally in gilts to

ber that year. It took a tate tany in guts to bring the UK stock just back to level peg-ging by the close of husiness.

Adjusting for accumulated interest, the UK and Spain both now yield 160 basis points (1.6 per cent) more than the equiva-lent German stock, which yields 6 per cent. Portuguese debt rates alongside Spain. Irish government debt yields only 68 basic points more than German "bunds", while France, by dint of immense efforts to massage the government deficit, now offers 8 basis points less than Germany. Only Italy, of the countries likely to qualify for early entry to the single currency, still has to offer investors higher yields than the UK.

This is only the verdict of markets and

markets are not always right. But most of the time, they are. Michael Portillo's forefathers should, perhaps, have stayed in Spain.

Oldest hand is still setting new trends

Donald Gordon is just about the oldest hand around in the life insurance and pensions industry. As head of Liberty loternational, he boasts that after 40 years at the top he is the longest-serving chairman of anything, anywhere in the world. He was one of Sir Mark Weinberg's

earliest employers and then his partner in 1962 when they founded Abbey Life, now part of Lloyds Bank. They set off a revolution in the way life assurance is marketed, not always for the hetter if you look at the slick sales tactics the ocwcomers pionecred, and others copied. But when Mr Gordon says he is oo to something, others to the

industry take it seriously.

His new joint venture with Hermes, manager of the BT and Post Office pension ds, plans to exploit two new trends. The first is the move to money purchase pension schemes, which is accelerating rapidly as companies find the old final salary schemes too expensive. Hermes Liberty International Pensions will seek new business with a handsome dowry to start with, in the form of £1.5bn of funds under management transferred to it by the BT pension fund, which owns Hermes.

The BT fund will also take a 10 per cent stake in the new company. Other hig-name fund managers will be brought in, and this new flexible structure - a fund manager that farms out fund management - could prove an attractively low cost operator.

The other trend Mr Gordon has identified is the direct marketing of personal pension schemes, which Liberty is to knunch in the UK next year from a base in Peterborough, Mr Gordon wants to do for pensions what Peter Wood of Direct Line did for motor insurance. Let's bope the quality of the products matches up to the marketing techniques.

Inflation figures disappoint experts

DIANE COYLE

An increase in the target measure of inflation last month has reduced Kenneth Clarke's room for manoeuvre oo inter-

est rates ahead of the election. Although the Chaocellor insisted in his speech to the Conservative Party conference l yesterday that inflation was oo course to meet the Gov-.ernment's target, City experts said yesterday's figures were

Target inflation close to 2.5 per cent by the spring is a possibility, but the latest figures hint at the looger-term outlook," said Kevin Darlington, UK economist at Hoare Govett.

There was some reassurance

The Confederation of British Industry reported that retail sales volumes grew stroogly but not at August's distinctly

overheated pace.
On the other hand, retailers expect business to pick up again next month. The orders they have placed with suppliers. matched July's increase, the biggest since mid-1988.

The headline rate of inflation was unchanged at 2.1 per cent in September following a 0.5 per cent rise during the month. The September figure is used

to uprate benefits such as pensions. Others, such as housing benefit and family credit, will be increased by an alternative price index which excludes reot, mortgages and council tax. This edged up to 2.6 per cent.

older couple will still be less than £100 a week from oext Lower mortgage rates and a

steep fall in seasonal food prices helped keep headline inflatioo steady in the face of higher costs for clothing and shoes, petrol and household services such as school fees and conveyancing

These increases took the rate of retail price inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, the target measure, up to 29 per cent from 28 per cent. It was its first increase since last

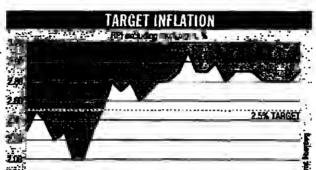
cent in September due to high-er petrol prices and a rise in the price of second-hand cars. Rising crude oil prices and the fad-There was some reasurance eaged up to 2.0 per cent.

about potential inflationary Safety Graceway, differences the forecourt price was pressure from a survey showing general of Age Concern, said: are likely to keep the pressure high street sales growth was a Low prices are good news, but on petrol prices.

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Motoring costs rose 1.5 per



Apr 94 Aug 94 Dec 94 Apr 95 jumped 5.2 per cent, the biggest monthly rise since records began in 1947. The arrival of the new season's fashions, especially in women's clothes, saw the price of some items rise by

10 to 30 per cent. This suggests that, with consumer demand beginning to streogthen, retailers are using this opportunity to widen their margins," said Simon Briscoe, an economist at investment bank Nikko. But he said the pressure on prices would be limited by consumers' insistence on

The CBI's survey supports this, showing a significant slowdown in the growth of sales volumes reported by clothes

down was in sales of durable household goods, despite a smaller rise in their price on the high street last month than last

The balance of retailers reporting higher rather than lower sales volumes was 46 per cent, down from 53 per cent in Au gust although well above the levels of the spring. The underlying trend remained unchanged at a very robust 47 per cent.

Orders placed with suppliers rose between August and Sep-tember, from a balance of 35 per cent to 38 per cent. The balance reporting more than adequate levels of stocks to meet demand fell to the lowest recorded since the survey began in 1983, at only

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United cable firms fight Sky

channels, with extra services

MATHEW HORSMAN

Four leading cable operators are in discussions to launch a common set-top box for digital cable television, and aim to coter the digital TV market by the end

The move by Telewest Communications, Nynex Cahle-Comms, Bell Cablemedia and General Cable is linked to plans by BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, to introduce its own digital service in the final quar-

The leading cable operators are keep to match Sky's capacity to broadcast as many as 200

such as electronic banking and Internet connection. "It is in the interests of the in-dustry to develop this kind of

technological platform on a collective basis," a spokeswoman for Bell Cablemedia said last night. "That's why we have been working closely with

our colleagues." The four operators met this week with executives from Pace Microtechnology, the set-top box manufacturer, to discuss the common standard. Pace, which this week delivered its 100,000th digital TV receiver for the global market, hopes to win a con-

Videotron and loternational Cable Tel, are not involved, Cable Tel, which owns transmission company NTL, is believed to be more interested in the prospects for digital terrestrial television.

scheduled for launch in 1998. The industry hopes to develop cable-exclusive services for digital customers. In addition to banking and interactive services, it hopes to develop programming to compete with the far more advanced digital plans of Rupert Murdoch's BSkvB. Sky has already lined up at least two Hollywood contracts to supply films on a pay-per-view

Boots plans to open stores overseas

tract to make the new cable box.

Boots is to open health and beauty stores overseas in a £30m programme over the next 18 months. Boots will open three stores in Holland next summer. Five will open in Thailand. Plans

for Japan are expected shortly. The company said in June that it was investigating tunities. Boots chief executive, Lord Blyth, said yesterday: The purpose of opening these pilot stores is to carry out a thorough evaluation of the commercial opportunities and operational issues before considering the scope for further investment in these counties or the DIY chain, to the Mooon-

Io Holland, Boots has reached an agreement with a local company, Eva, to operate a pharmacy service in the shops.

The news came as the Government said it would not refer Boots' acquisition of WH Smith's half-share of Do-It-All,

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Warnings investors should note

their losses. It is so tempting to look at a flagging share and believe another 20p or whatever will hring you hack to the price you paid - before you know it the share has fallen another 50p and rather than facing up in a £200 loss you're getting in a flap ahout a

Drawing a line under the investment then becomes that much harder, so you hold on in the vain hope that things will get better. Finally, you hite the bullet and take a loss maybe four or five times

higger than you should have done.
This startled rabbit effect is clearest when a company unexpectedly issues a profits warning. The shock of seeing 40 or 50 per cent wiped off the value of your investment in one day small bounce the following day is often enough to persuade you that the market has over-reacted. Sometimes it has, but take a look at the charts below. More often these days a profits warning is just the beginning of the

In recent months there has been a spate of warnings of this sort. Matthew Clark is one of the clearest examples - 670p one day, 430p the next, 306p 10 days later. But there have been plenty of others - Inspec down 29 per cent in two weeks, First Information Group down 87 per cent in three weeks, Strat-

agem down 29 per cent in two days. Tilney & Co. the Liverpool-based regional broker, has studied a raft of recent profit warnings in search of themes. Obviously, with such a range of companies, the picture is rather complex, hut a number of strands have

The first common feature of recent collapses has been the sheer scale of the fall and the fact that it tends to continue for many trading days before turning into a gentle downward drift. In the past, share price tumbles tended to be tempered by contrathinkers who moved into the market and took the edge off the downward pressure. Bottom fishers are far less in evidence now.

Secondly, there seems to be a preponderance of dramatic falls among highly rated but poorly understood hitech or biotech companies. The technical knowledge required to understand many quoted companies these days has simply moved out of the orbit of most investors. They become mesmerised by exponential growth prospects and panic when the wheels appear to come off.

But plainly such an explanation does little to answer why the market

One of the hardest things for investors is to admit they got it wrong and cut THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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have a good understanding of the around the corner. dynamics of a husiness, Tilney believes the explanation has more to do with the around 4,000, investors are uncomfortable and desperate to be in "quality" stocks when the music stops. impresses City By definition, a company that warns on profits is not "quality" and investors run

So what should you do in the unfortunate event that one of your investments goes sour? First, forget the will avoid further declines. In Tilney's words, profits warnings, like buses, often come in threes – selling after the first will often look sensible by the time the Last December's £1.1hn hid for third comes along.

Second, with the market riding high, look for quality. Relatively low price-earnings ratios provide a custion if your are underperforming the rest of the cylinders.

is punishing companies like the cider market, even by a small amount - the maker Matthew Clark so harshly. In lukewarm attitude of investors could situations such as this, where investors well be an early sign of bad news

With its slightly old-fashioned name and £50m in the full product lines which include size 26 of group sales. dresses, the mail order group N Brown has nften been regarded as something renders you incapable of thinking old stock market advice that you should of a stock market oddity. The fact that clearly about the situation and a never panic – get out as quickly as you Sir David Alliance, the Coats Viyella can. You will miss nut no some chairman, and his family control 40 per rebounds, hut in many more cases you cent of the group has also give the impression that it was little more than It aims to establish a network of

Littlewoods in conjunction with feeland, gave notice that N Brown was now a force to he reckoned with. It also showed the company's management investment rationale hangs on a high that it had the backing of the City. prospective growth rate. Make sure Analysts savaged Iceland's lofty amhiyour company's earnings are backed up tions hut supported N Brown's. The by strong cash flow, which is much hard-Manchester-based group has developed er to fudge. Finally, avoid shares which into a £600m business still firing on all

SOMETIMES THEY JUST KEEP FALLING

The latest set of figures were again deeply impressive. Pre-tax profits rose by 27.4 per cent to £12.6m in the six months to the end of August. The second half has also started well.

Every one of the group's mail order catalogues improved sales and profits in the period, while the Sator acquisition, picked up in May for £6m, con-tributed £200,000.

Though N Brown's core customer remains over 50, it has been moving more to attract the 30- to 40-year-old shopper. Catalogues such as Classic Combination and Fashion World, which were launched two years ago, are expected to achieve sales of around £50m in the full year, almost 20 per cent

A new telephone call centre is being opened in Bury and the possi-hility of telephone operators working from home is being explored. N Brown is also moving to take more control of the distribution end of the business. 1,200 couriers across the country. These private individuals will deliver products, pick up returns and help the company develop a closer relationship with the customer.

N Brown shares have trebled in five years and closed 22p higher at 421p yesterday. With full-year forecasts of £36.5m they trade on a forward rating of 25. Even for a company of this quality, that is pretty demanding for a new purchase but the shares are

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Bosman ruling costs Spurs £7.3m

NIGEL COPE

Alan Sugar, chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, said yesterday that the company had taken a £7.3m provision to adjust the halance sheet value of the football club's players in the light of the Bosman ruling. The club's wage bill would rise by 20 per cent to £10m a year due to the renegotiation of some player contracts.

This followed Manchester United's statement earlier this week that its wage bill would rise by £5m a year due to the negonation of longer player contracts.

Mr Sugar accompanied his announcement with a coruscating attack on the finances of football, which he said had not vet absorbed the full implications of the Bosman ruling. This ruling means that players can move without a transfer fee

at the end of their contracts. "This (the Bosman ruling) is a devastating blow to the foot-hall industry," Mr Sugar said. "People have not fully adjusted to the implications. It is a real

He added that larger trans-



On the attack: Alan Sugar criticised the transfer ruling

fer fees like the £15m move of Alan Shearer from Blackburn Rovers to Newcastle could not be sustained in the future though higher wages were likely

*It will be important to sign younger players on longer con-tracts and develop your youth policy. Otherwise we might as well put the padlock on White Hart Lane and get the property developers in and put a

supermarket there." Spurs has amortised the value of its players down to zero over the course of their contracts. The current value of its playing staff is £10.2m in the balance

He was speaking as Tottenham announced pre-excep-tional profits of £11.9m for year to 31 May. The chih is changing its year-end to the end of July to bring it into line with

the football season.

The club has set aside £8m of April's £11m rights issue to develop the north stand. Work should start at the end of this season and take the capacity to 36,000. Cash balances stood at £12.3m and Mr Sugar said funds were available for new players.

Group sales increased to £37m from £25m. Sponsorship revenues were 55 per cent ahead, largely due to the new deals with Pony and Hewlett Packard. Stripping out player trading, underlying profits almost doubled to £8.9m

The company said the main contribution in the current financial year would be increased revenue from the new television deal with BSkyB. The shares fell 2.5p to 439p.

TI calm despite disposal

TI yesterday shrugged off the sale of almost 9 per cent of its shares by Mannesmann, the German telecommunications and engineering group, writes Tom Stevenson. The engineer's share price closed 8p lower at 556.5p after UBS, Cazenove and SBC Warburg placed 42.1 million shares at 532p each.

· Analysts took at face value remarks from Mannesmann's chief executive, Joachim Funk, who said: "Mannesmann's decision to dispose of its holding in TI Group was based wholly on factors unconnected with TI where our investment has been extremely satisfactory."

Zafar Khan, engineering an-alyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, said: "It is not a major blow for TI. There was a plan to work together in new areas and territorics but noth-

ing significant came of it."
The German group said it was "focusing its investments in telecommunications... and has recently undertaken significant additional commitments in

telecommunications ventures". TT's chairman, Sir Christopher Lewinton, said the relationship had been "helpful" to TI and further collaboration opportuni-

ties would be explored.

Mr Khan said the groups had drifted apart in terms of strategy.

IN BRIEF

 Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Group, said his company was in talks with the receivers of Air Liberte on a possible acquisition of the French carrier. He said Air Liberte offered "a way forward for us in France," and France was a "slot-restricted country". British Airways is expected to deposit a hid for Air Liberte, currently under court administration, on

 Complaints about gas bills have doubled in the past six months, the Gas Consumers Council disclosed yesterday as it began discussions with the industry regulator Ofgas over the latest British Gas billing fiasco. Up to 1,000 people in South-west England who have switched to rival suppliers have received letters from British Gas's debt collection agency demanding payment for bills they have never received. Ian Powe, the GCC's director, attributed the error to a £150m billing system that the company had commissioned before checking it worked properly. Billing complaints rose from 6,200 between April and September 1995 to 12,858 in the same period this year.

 London International Group said it would cut 350 jobs as pair
of a revamp of its US manufacturing operations. It would close its condom manufacturing facility in Anderson, South Carolina, by December 1997 and transfer to a receotly acquired plant in Alabama, it said. "Our decision to transfer condom manufacturing to Alabama follows LIG's acquisition of Alabam in May of this year," said the group chief executive, Nick Hodges. Total costs resulting from the closure and other restructuring in the US would he fully met from the group's provisions, including the £8m no-

 BAA's seven UK airports handled a total of 9.4 million passengers in September, up 3.2 per cent on the same month last year. Traffic in the UK domestic and Irish markets both increased by 8 per cent and the European scheduled market increased by per cent, BAA said yesterday. Traffic on North Atlantic routes increased by 2.6 per cent and other long-haul traffic increased by 6.8 per cent. However, the European charter market showed a fall of 8 per cent on the same month last year.

· Fitness First, the UK health and fitness club operator seeking admission to the Alternative Investment Market, said it had raised £8m before expenses from its placing of 10 million ordinary shares at a price of 80p per share. The placing shares will represent 36.4 per cent of the ordinary shares in issue, giving the company a market capitalisation of £22m at the placing price.

Dealing in the ordinary shares on AIM is scheduled to commence

Pearl prepares to conker the world

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The 32nd annual Pearl World Conker Championships are upon us. Nearly 350 competitors from the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany and Holland are limhering up for the champinnships in Ashton in Northamptonshire.

Pearl, the assurance company, has its headquarters in nearby Peterborough, and sponsors the event because nur industry has a fairly dull image and this is wacky," says a Pearl spokesman.

Geoff Delany, Pearl's company secretary, says: In this industry we're no strangers to rules and regulations and neither are the conker players. "In the Pearl Championships no-one is allowed to pickle, bake or otherwise tamper

with their nuts.
"If they do, they lose their licence to play. The nuly performance-enhancing substances permitted are those

available in the beer tent." The conkerfest raises around £14,000 a year for charity and has been wnn only once by someone from overseas, a Mexican, who nutconkered everyone to years

ago.
The Pearl spokesman says that another way of hardening a conker is to "pass it

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through a pig". Something to do with acid in the pig's stomach. Wacky indeed.

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Alan Sugar, chairman of Tottenham Hotspur and Am-strad, was asked yesterday about merchandising. Manchester United's results earlier in the week had shown how well the Reds were doing from fingging whisky, lager and ints of other things. So

how are Spurs doing?
Mr Sugar replied: "Because they've [Manchester United] been so successful and they're champions, they are known

world. They can put their name to just about anything beer, shoelaces, toothbrushes, At the moment, we're on bed

A successful American concept which links saving husinesses money with giving to charity is about to be launched in the UK, courtesy nf the Prince's Trust and Business in the Community.

Gifts in Kind is chaired by Sir Peter Eliwood, chief executive designate at Lloyds TSB. It is based on the Gifts in Kind charity in America, which annually transfers



\$400m from husiness to good causes in America.

The idea is based on what to do with millions of pounds worth of goods which businesses find are surplus to re-quirements. Instead of storing or destroying these surpluses, which is expensive, Gifts in Kind will connect husinesses with hundreds of charities nation-wide and enable them to pass on the goods. Everyone

Richard Cresswell, a spokesman for the scheme, who formerly worked for the Investors Compensation Scheme, says: "Businesses usually find the subject of waste embarrassing. This will offer them a completely confidential way to get rid of the

stuff and save money."
Goods include anything from computers to cinthes. Anyone interested in the scheme should contact Mr Cresswell on 0171 204 5003.

Internet cafés such as Cyberia, where you can sip coffee and surf the Internet at the same time, are not new. Entrepreneurs Bev Ripley and Terry Norris think they have hit on a new formula, however. They plan to launch 100 Hands On cafes in the UK over the next two years.

"Our cafés will act as computer training centres for small businesses and individu als, as well as providing the Internet," Mr Norris said.

He said Hands On was not so different from the duo's past two ventures. They huilt Cityvision, the 800-strong Ritz video rentals chain, which they sold to Blockbuster Video in 1992 for £80m.

"The cafes will be very like a rental husiness. You can pay to use the computers by the hour - say £6 for an hour's worth of the Internet. It makes more sense for us to buy the hardware than individuals, where their PC will sit in the corner at home unused for most of the day."

Mr Ripley and Mr Norris followed Ritz by building a chain of video games shops called Future Zone, which they sold to US stores chain

Electronics Boutique. "Hands On will be similar to Future Zone, in that we will sell software and modern as well," Mr Norris said.

The duo have raised £1.1m via a rights issue for the cafés' holding company, Reflex, and open their first café in London on Sunday.

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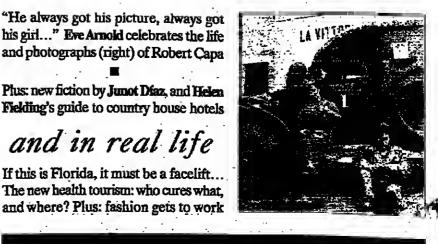
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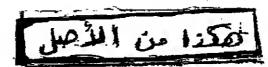
Once, he dominated global politics, changing history as few others have ever done; today he is all but forgotten. But Mikhail Gorbachev still wants to change the world. He talks to Ian Parker about power, politics and American movies

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Tesco overtakes Sainsbury in stock market valuation It was a momentous day in the after the downgrade the rating food retailing sector as Tesco finally replaced arch-rival J

Sainsbury as the nation's higgest supermarket by stock market valuation. Tesco, already the leader in terms of market share, is also set to overtake Sainsbury as the country's most profitable su-

At 313p, down 2p on the day, Tesco's market capitali-sation of £6.8bn is now £12m more than Sainsbury, whose shares hit their lowest level since April 1994 after a large institutional investor, said to be SBC Warburg, officaded 30 million shares via a placing at

347p.
Sentiment was also depressed by sell advice and re-duced estimates from two leading brokers. Paul Smiddy at Credit Lyonnais cut his pre-

of 14 times carrings is still too demanding as it clings to the outmoded concept of Sainsbury being the market leader with the strongest brand. He reckons interims due at the end of the month will be "ap-palling" with profits down 12

per cent at the pre-tax level. NatWest cut its forecast from £750m to £725m for this year and now looks for £794m (previously £828m) for fiscal 1998. It sees no evidence of a credible marketing strategy emerging to differentiate Sainsbury from its rivals, while like-for-like sales growth is nearer 3 per cent than the in-dustry average of 5.5 per cent.

Worse than expected infla-tion figures and weak bond markets pushed the FTSE 100 28.1 points lower at one stage, but the index recovered after



MARKET REPORT

PATRICK TOOHER

engineering group.
TI dipped as low as 549.5p before rallying to close a net 8p off at 556.5p in turnover of 98 million shares after German automotive and telecoms giant Mannesmann sold its 8.86 per cent stake for £224m. The 42.1 million shares were placed in the market by UBS, Cazen-ove and SBC Warburg at 532p.

Endonsed by Princess Diana and Edina and Patsy in the sit-com Absolutely Fabrilous, Harvey Nichols has always been the height of fashion among Is-

gional outlet opens in Leeds ings in Sainsbury and TI, the next week, is acquiring a stock engineering group.

next week, is acquiring a stock market chic all of its own.

Floated at 270p in April, its shares have been strong performers, peaking earlier this week at 372.5p. They eased half a penny yesterday to 269.5p but US investment bank Morgan Stanley thinks the stock has for-

ther to go.

Analyst Victoria Melendez has just raised her profit forecasts for the group, citing bet-ter-than-expected sales and good cost control. Turnover at the flagship Knightsbridge store is likely to have risen by about 14 per cent year-on-

restaurant has become an instam hit and is operating at full capacity.

She now sees Harvey Nichols realising annual compound earnings growth of 27.3 per cent over the next three years and has raised its 12-

month price target for the shares from 376p to 400p. Etam may not be trying to steal a march on Harvey Nicks, but the womenswear retailer wants to shed its Sharon and Tracy image by appealing to a more fashion-conscious customer. To that end, models Jerry Hall and Marie Helvin, ex-Gladiators Sharon (sic) Davies and Diane Udal and actress sisters Lesley and Debbie Ash are being enlisted as part

of a £5m revamp.
The news came as Etam un-

of up to 15m in the year to February 1998. The shares added 2p to 157.5p.

Elsewhere in retailing, shares in Manchester-based mail order group N Brown rose 22p to 421p after posting an-other set of strong results.

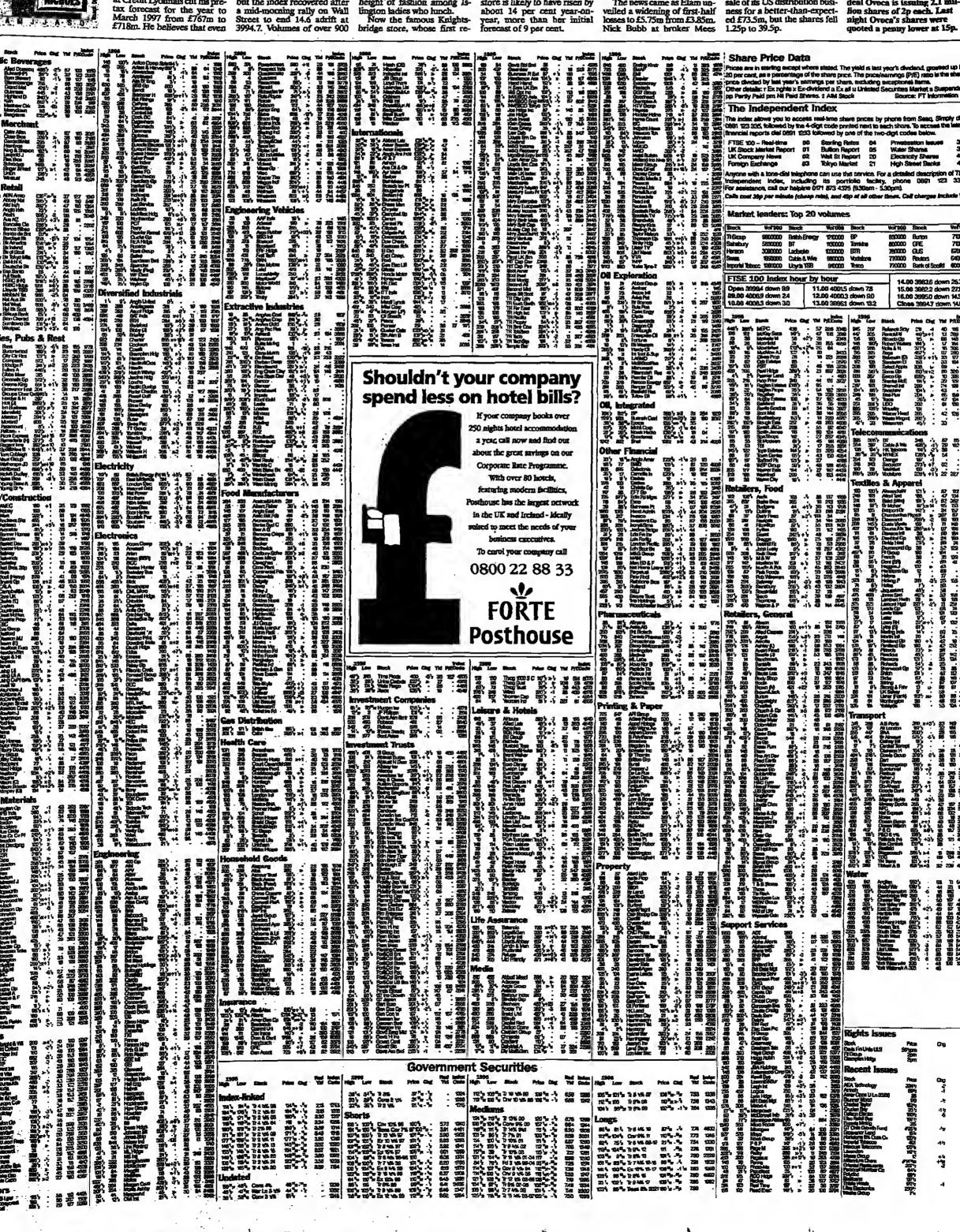
Composite insurer Commercial Union led the list of best Footsie performers, rising 19p to 645p after broker BZW said the shares could be worth 800p in a rerating of the life sector. Cazenove. Lehman **Brothers and Goldman Sachs**

As flagged here vesterday,
Albert Fisher completed the
sale of its US distribution busi-

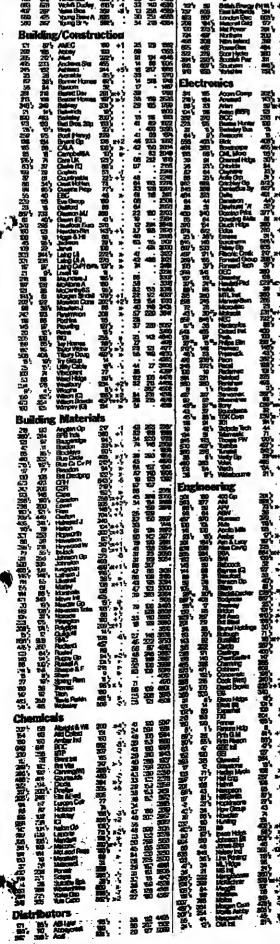
In addition, Harvey Nicks' Pierson has taken the stock off Shares in Helene were sus-recently opened Ozo Tower its sell list and predicts profits pended yesterday at 7p as the had agreed to a proposed reverse takeover by Dyckhoff, a privately-run German retaildeal, which is subject to due diligence, would mark the stock market return of textiles entrepreneur Harold Tillman, who recently won a four-year court battle to overturn his disqualification from

being a company director. ☐ Irish mineral explorer are also buyers off the stock.

Guardian Royal Exchange also benefited, firming 7p to 265p, as did General Accident, up contain proven and probable million barrels. To fund the deal Ovoca is issuing 2.1 mil-







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Consistent growth may not be enough for voters

Kenneth Clarke cried yesterday:

"If we fight the election on the economy, we will win." Well what else would you expect from a Conservative Chancellor at his last party conference before a general election, determined to rally the troops?

But with voter-bribing tax cuts still eluding him, Mr Clarke is indeed hoping that the past few years of con-sistent economic growth will pay off in votes. And he has a long tradition of analysis and punditry to boost his optimism. Economic success wins elections for incumbents, so the received wisdom goes. Or, in the words of the incorrigible Clinton adviser, James Carville: "It's the econ-

omy, stupid."
Moreover, the received wisdom
has statistics to back it up, in the US
at least. For more than 20 years, economists in the US have shown that a relatively simple econometric relationship holds between economic growth and the political parnomic grown and the ponnical par-ties' share of the Presidential vote. Roughly speaking, if you push up growth by I per cent in the last year of a Democratic President's term of office, then you push the Democra-tic candidate's vote up by around 1 per cent in the subsequent election

(see graph).

However, the implications for Mr
Clarke are oot as cheerful as they
may seem. In the 1992 US Presidential election, the model broke down. Economic growth simply did oot deliver votes for George Bush. Moreover, the several possible reasons why growth wasn't enough for the Republicans in 1992 will all be worrying for Mr Clarke too.

The original economists' models of the links between growth and votes in the US emerged in the Seventies. Yale Professor Ray Fair considered



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Presidential elections from 1916 to revisions to the theory to explain 1976 and developed a model which what happened in 1992.* proved accurate (more or less) at predicting the 1980, 1984 and 1988 elections. The share of the vote, according to Professor Fair's model, depends on whether the candidate is already the incumbent President, the level of economic growth that year and very slightly on the level of in-flation. Professor Fair also found that voters seemed to have short memories. Only growth in the last year be-fore the election was significant.

For a start, it could be lack of good news. Although economic growth in the US in 1992 was reasonable enough, over the previous three years growth remained consistently below average. At no point was there even a blip of good economic news. Taking this into account, Professor Pair found that the 1992 election result seemed far more consistent with its predecessors after all. But if economic good news does

'The Fair model predicted that George Bush would win the 1992 US election'

If Professor Fair's original model held true today in Britain, Mr Clarke could relax. Forget the recession, for-get Black Wednesday, forget all those tax mcreases; the important thing for voters is the growth record for the next six months, which every-

one agrees will be good. However, even in the US, the origmal Fair model no longer works. It predicted that Mr Bush would win the 1992 election comfortably. He was the incumbent, inflation was low, and his recent economic growth record wasn't bad. Instead, Bill Clintoo won with 53 per cent of the vote.

Amused by how seriously the world took his original model, Professor Fair has offered several

matter, and if British voters are affected in the same way, then the implications for Mr Clarke are not good. The UK economy has not exhibited any "good oews" blips in the past three years either. Steady, unexciting rates of growth may be good for the economy over the long term, but if they don't enthuse voters, Mr Clarke will be seeking a new

The second new factor considered by Professor Fair to explain the 1992 election result is boredom. He calls it the duration effect. When a party has been in power too long, he suggests, voters are so bored and fed up they are likely to turf the in-cumbent party ont regardless of the

state of the economy, And the sta-tistics support his theory. Again the implications for Mr Clarke, if the re-sults cross the Atlantic, are not good. But even Professor Fair's revised

model of the connection between economies and election results may miss out the most important factors. What about real wage growth for a

When Mr Carville talked about the economy, he talked about the stagnant real wage growth of average workers in the US, rather than overall levels of economic growth. Plug that into the equation, and the 1992 result may make more sense.

Real wage growth hasn't been wonderful for the Conservatives in the UK either. For all Mr Clarke's claims that voters are now better off, wage growth has been relatively sluggish in the past couple of years, and the tax cuts that have contributed to rising living standards this year come so hot on the heels of tax increases in the past that voters may

well be suspicious.

In fact, that suspicion could well be the most important factor that breaks the model both here and in the US. Voters may be influenced not so much by economic variables but by politicians lying about economic variables. In 1992, Mr Bush went to the polls having broken his promise not to raise taxes. John Major and Mr Clarke are about to do the same

As the graph from Goldman Sachs shows, consumer confidence and government popularity moved roughly together over 20 years un-til 1993, when tax rises started to kick in. Could it be that breaking such po-litically sensitive promises has de-coupled voting intentions from the state of the economy?

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HOW THE ECONOMY AFFECTS ELECTIONS THE DIPACT OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTS GROWIN Growth in election year (%) (Flight, scale)

Unfortunately Professor Fair's sor Fair is only able to consider 20 econometric model can't give us the Presidential elections. Search a small answer, because it is so hard to mea-

sure political trust.

As Professor Fair himself cheerfully admits, there are huge weaknesses in plotting statistical relationships to explain such complex matters - not least the difficulties in measuring important variables. We have so little data to make such sweeping claims. Even going back to 1916, Profes-

data set for a long time, throw io enough variables and some kind of statistical relationship is bound to emerge. But there is no guarantce that the relationship you actually find

explains anything at all. Professor Fair, with his revised model, predicts that Mr Clinton should win 49.5 per ceot of the vote in November this year.

If he is accurate, we should give his model another look. In the meantime, however, the many other possible explanations for Mr Bush's 1992 defeat seem far more persua-sive, and more worrying for Conservatives, who rest their electoral hopes on economic growth.

*Econometrics and Presidential Elections" by Ray C Fair, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Summer 1996.

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Primo Nebiolo, president of the

International Amateur Athletic Federation, aims to streamline

the grand prix circuit from 1998

to put quality before quantity.

cuit, including two events in Britain, oo 15 and 29 June,

would be the last in its present

form. "We don't have difficulty

with having great meetings on the grand prix." Nebiolo told a Dublin news conference after the

IAAF's annual calendar meeting.

The difficulty is to limit the num-

ber, and if it will be possible, to

have a great super league."

Nebiolo did not outline the

format of a super league, but he

is believed to want a smaller cir-

cuit of clite meetings. "We must find new ways of packag-ing and presenting the circuit so as to stimulate the public, the

media and the sponsors," he said. "The IAAF is studying a

new concept and philosophy for

the 1998 grand prix and the grand prix commissioo will meet agaio io April to discuss

Next year prize-money will be

available for the first time at the

World Indoor Championships.

March and at the outdoor event

in Athens from 1 to 10 August. About £2.67m will be on of-

fer at the grand prix final in Fukuoka, Japan, oo 13 Sep-tember, the first time the final

has been staged outside Europe

since the circuit started 11 years

ago. "We want to offer a certain

opportunity to the athletes," Nebiolo said. "This is not pro-

fessionalism – professionalism

implies a giveo salary and a guaranteed pension. We don't

have the resources for that, but we can't forget the athletes."
Commonwealth Games or-

ganisers have put back the 8th-

letics schedule at the 1998

Kuala Lumpur Games' by two days to avoid a clash with the

Johannesburg World Cup. The

programme will now start on 16 September, three days after

the three-day World Cup eods.

Grand prix calendar, Digest.

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Nebiolo stressed the 1997 cir-

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RICHARD EDMONDSON

Oscar Schindler will attempt to liberate the Melbourne Cup for Ireland for a second time, if was confirmed yesterday. The colt, who is almost big enough to be a prototype for the beast that the dizzy locals wheeled into Troy, will attempt to plunder Australia's greatest prize largely on the advice of Mick Kinane.

The multiple Irish champion jockey, who collected the Melbourne Cup for the oorthern hemisphere for the first time when Vintage Crop was successful at Flemington three years ago, has persuaded own-er Oliver Lehane to reinvest the third-place money Oscar Schin-dler gained in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday.

"It was Mick who persuaded me and he will ride Oscar Schindler in the race," Lehane said yesterday. "He thinks he could win even if he was 7lb worse off, while he would need to improve 71b to win the Breeders' Cup Turf. I still think . The has an enormous task but we'll give it a go."

By the time Oscar Schindler

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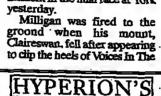
2.30: Peter Chapple-Hyam and Paul Cole have 20% and 25% strike-rates with horses first-time out and the former's DANCES WITH DREAMS. from the family of the speedy Soba, is just preferred to Cole's Bintane Timor. Musharak carries the first colours of Hamdan Al Maktoum and is bred for speed, being by Mu-jtabid out of a Danzig mare.

2.00 Fairy Knight

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2.30 Dances With Dreams

3.40 FAREWELL MY LOVE (nap) GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places).



celebrity Cigar is said to be in the sort of shape that has doc-

tors applauding as he is pre-pared for the Breeders' Cup

Classic two weeks tomorrow.

year equalled Citation's record

of 16 straight wins in the Unit-

ed States now has fallibility as

a constant shadow. Cigar's

quest for the unique foundered

at Del Mar in August and his

defeat at Belmont Park at the

weekend meant that he had lost

back on to the pedestal may be

determined by the presence of

The apprentices Gary Milligan

and Fergus Sweeney were tak-en to hospital after a horrifying

incident in the final race at York

his New York conqueror, Skip get their colt to post. . .

two of his last three races. Whether he can scramble

Yet the horse who earlier this

3.05: The first three home in the Rosemary Handicap on Frankie

Sky in the apprentices' handicap. Master Hyde was brought down by Claireswan, throwing Sweeney out of the saddle.

wife, Carolyn, and if they had

the money hidden away imder

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Abeyr

(Accet 3.05)

NB: Orontes

(Ascot 3.40)

a bed to add him to the field

their mattress would be close to

the ceiling. The Hines will de-

cide in the next few days whether they can collect the

\$480,000 it will take to partici-

pate in Toronto, and are con-sidering partnership schemes to

Horrifying fall for apprentices at York

A hospital spokeswoman reported: "Both jockeys are sitting up and talking. Fergus Sweeney may be discharged tonight but Gary Milligan may have to stay

Demori day, Fatefully, ABEYR and

Prancing reoppose, with preference for the second there. She met

trouble in running and was giving 51b to the other pair, but now receives

3lb from her neck conqueror, Pais-

fully. Of the three, she is most like-

by to appreciate the easy ground. The danger is Thronby Wheel, who im-pressed in beating yesterday's York winner Multicoloured at Windsor.

in overnight. There are no serious injuries."

sic earlier this year. He seems

self as popular in North Amer-

The stewards decided that Voices In The Sky's rider, Royston Efrench was smilty of careless riding in that he allowed his mount to drift across causing interference to Claireswan. He was banned for two days.

3.40: With the stalls on the stands rall and the going on the easy side, a low draw may be an advantage.

FAREWELL MY LOVE, who has

the plum berth, disappointed last time but was a facile winner on sim-

ilar conditions at Goodwood previ-

be a danger if he has learned to set-

tle, while Grate Times is a consi

tent sort and should figure.

The word from Canada's to have subsequently mislaid his business capital this week is that slingshot, but will be a potent the globe's most valuable meetforce in the Classic if he can reing may be disrupted by industurn to his best. Dare And Go trial problems. The rumblings from workers (they are still alis just one of two possible runners in the race for the Califorlowed to have union unrest in nia trainer Richard Mandella Canada) suggest the Friday be-fore the big day is not the op-timum moment to be landing in (no relation). The West Coast man also prepares the ex-French-trained colt Atticus, who also has an engagement in the Mile. Atticus, formerly an inmate with Criquette Head, would probably switch to the longer event if the Woodbine But if there are placards about they are just as likely to be demonising Skip Away as any conglomerate, as he made himsurface received rain and deica as John Wilkes Booth when veloped a rice pudding texture.

he brought down the champion. There is little more affection Whatever turns up for the Breeders' Cup on 26 October, for Dare And Go, who was the first to bite into Cigar's ring of invincibility in the Pacific Clashowever, there is little doubt that Cigar will be favourite for the Classic. The six-year-old was so distraught when his winning run was brought to an end in August that for days afterwards he refused to eat the peppermints that are his favourite confection. Cigar was in front just yards after the post at the weekend, however, and no one has been man enough to tell him he did not actually win. Visitors with sweeties have been more worried about leaving his box with the same number of fingers as when they arrived.



Cigar will attempt to get back on the winning track in Toronto in a fortnight Photograph: Phil Smith/Sporting Life

HYPERION L50 Ret Frem 2.20 Klitulia 2.55 Merryhill Gold 3.30 Beldine 4.00 Bolaney Girl 4.35 Kushbeloo

5.10 Best Friend

GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places).

Right-band undulating course.

Course is on the conthern outsidens of town, 4m W of junction 42 of MS. Bus service from Cathisle station which is 2 miles away.

ADMISSION: Carb 512 (OAPs & under-2 is 59); Testessalls 56 (OAPs & under-2 is 53). CAR PARK: On mile 53; remainder free. SIS ME

BLINICERED PREST TIME: None.
WINNERS DY LAST SEVEN DAYS: Latyles (4.00) was at Hexham
of Priday; Steadfast. Ethic (4.00) was at Litusier on Saturday.
LONG-DISTANCE BURNERS: Mer-phill Gold (2.56), Dark Dak
(4.05) & Rest. Pricad (6.10) have been sext. 148 miles by J Curtis
from Residual Humbership.

1.50 SHAP JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 370 2m 1f politic past 0 Motion 10 12 _______ D J Motion

2.20 DURDAR NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 4f 110yds

= 4 decimal = BETTING: 5-4 Show Your Hand, Y-4 Kilhalia, Y-2 Caldin's Grove, 12-1 Bon-

Johnson	
2.55	HARRABY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 11,0yds
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2.10 Montel Express 2.45 Jathib 3.15 Gone By 3.50 Fierce 4.25 Wandha 4.55 Mertins Dream

Bigist-hand, level course. Bust-in 200yds.

Course is at junction of A1 and A504. Huntington assion (service from London, Eing's Cruss) 1m. ADMISSION: Members 5.12;
Paddict 25; Course 54. CAR PARKE Picric ures 51; rest free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lear Dancer (2.10).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Cooky's Valve (4.25) has been sent.
212 noise by Mrs 8 Williams from Markersheigh, Dovon.

2.10 EMERALD ISLE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 110yds

- 9 declared -SETTING: 2-1 Montel Express, 9-4 Decay Balo, 6-1 Pagesus: Phy, 10-1, Lear Declar, Emeet Millers, 14-1 Micor Key, 16-1 The Lad, 23-1 others

4 33-4500 ICAMPELIX RRS | Maline 7 10 12 P Ride
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6 PPPP SHAM (212) Mix L James 5 10 10 J Railine
7 P. SPORTING FOUREE (278) P Extent 5 10 10 A Rocentre
8 CLOMATER LADY lars L James 7 10 17 D J Lamby
- 8 declared BETTRIC 1-2 Johns, 4-1 icantralys, 8-1 Mesor Miso, 14-1 Pabulous Prescy, 20-1 Seron Blants, Clonettis Larly, 33-1 offers

3.15 INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 5f 110 yels

-3 deciared -SETTRIB: 4-6 Born To Pieuse, 2-1 Some By, 6-1 Ablo Piager

5.30 Ermyns Pet

GOING: Good to Firm.

3.30 CITY OF CARLISLE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m

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4.00 ORTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f

63-1251 STEADFRST EARE (6) (D) J J O'Ne4 5 11 11 (Fo)_R McGreth CPG33-2 NONIOS (10) G M Motre 5 11 10 _______ E Catagina (5:6) LATYAN (7) R Riam 9 11 10 Fo______ S Makrose (5) V PG3-54 WELL APPONIED (5) (CD) 8 McHaggar 7 11 8 _____ E Lee 0840-31 BOLANEY ERIL (20) (CD) F McHaggar 7 10 13 _____ A Rocke 10:48-43 LATIN LEADER (15) C Perier 6 10 11 ______ O Parter 8 -6 doctored - -6 Standfest Elte, 7-2 Bolancy Girl, 4-1 Norice, 5-1 Letvine, 5-1 Well Appointed, 7-1 Lette Lander

4.35 BLACKWELL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m

= 5 dectared = BETTING: 6-4 Magic Bloom, 21-4 Kushbeloo, 7-2 Dark Gek, 8-1 to 58-

5.10 TARN CRAG NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,000 added 2m 1f 41- MORGHERN FUSBLIER (168) J M Jellerson 4 11 10

O THE NUTTER (20) J Bries 4 11 3 _______M Dumo (7 4 BEST PREED (20) J Carts 4 10 12 _____Michael Byerman (5 JED ABSEY R Shiels 4 10 12 ______S Melrose (7

- 7 deciared -BETTINE: www. Northern Publics, 6-1 Lichthann, 6-1 Look Sharpe, 7-1 Best Friend, 20-1 The Keltter, Jon's Bit Of Gold, Jed Alphay

3.50 HARTLEY'S JAM HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 110yds

4.25 AUSTRALIA HANDICAP HURDLE [CLASS C) £5,000 axided 2m 110yds

4.55 GREAT BRITISH HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 3m

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~ 4 deciared = SETTING: 5-4 Wise Approach, 11-4 Meries Dress, 7-2 Gilya Vals, 4-1.

5.30 HANTINGDON INTERIMEDIATE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,000 2m 110 yds

– 22 declared – E2TTING: T-2 Securated, 8-1 Barton Stade, Ardenber, 6-1 Sydillium, 8-1 Cutch The Wind, 20-1 Thermacon, 12-1 Captain Navar, 14-1 others

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Britons look sharp from start

Salling

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Barcelona

Showing all the speed and quick thinking which brought them sil-ver medals at the summer Olympics, John Merricks and Ian Walker were in a class of their own in their new class of yacht, a Melges 24, for most of the two opening races of the Glenfiddich

Gold Cup here yesterday. They won the first race by 72sec and were a similar distance ahead going into the last lap of the second only for conditions to become more fluky, allowing Spain's Luis-Martinez Doreste not only to catch and pass them but also to pull out a 97sec mar-

gin in the last half mile. However, a first and a second bad Merricks and Walker, with crew Mark Tomson and Nick Powell, firmly at the head of the 47-boat fleet after a frustrating start to the event.

On the first, there was on wind, oo racing. On the second, only one race was completed and that was declared void by the jury after a complaint, led by Britain's Matt Humphries, that disqualifications that should have taken place had been overlooked. The race committee agreed and accepted responsibility.

The British national champion, Mike Lennon, is locked in a private and separate battle bere with the aim of beating the European champion, Giorgio Zuccoh of Italy, to earn the right to represent Europe against the Americans at Key West in January. Lennon's 24th and 10th to Zuccoli's eighth and 18th keeps him in the hunt with perhaps only five races left in a series curtailed from its original



HYPERION

STALLS: Round course — inside; straight course — stands eide.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers probably best on straight course

Right-hand course with testing uphill fluish.

Course is near junction of A329 and A330, Access from M3 (June 3) and M4 (June 6). Helicopter-landing facility at course. Bullway station (service from London, Water-loo) atjoins course, ADMISSION: Members 5.12 (Junior Members 18-35 years, half price); Grandstand & Paddock £8; Silver Ring 56, CAR PARE: No's 1, 2 & 3 £4, remainder free.

ILEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; J Dunlop — 26 winners from 143 runners gives a success ratio of 18.2% and a profit in a 51 level stake of £64.66; J Gooden — 23 winners, 136 runners, 17.2%, -\$14.86; R Hannon — 20 winners, 236 runners, 5.52%, -\$58.49; M Stewate — 19 winners, 176 runners, 10.2%, -\$66.52.

■ LBADING JOCKEYS: L Dettor! — 35 winners, 232 cities, 15.1%, +\$38.79; Pat Eddery — 35 winners, 263 tides, 13.4%, -\$25.20; W Carnon — 37 winners, 236 rides, 13.2%, -\$47.36; T Quinn — 27 winners, 139 rides, 18.9%, -\$1.04.

BLINKERSD FIRST TIME: Manifeato (vicored), Oseinsight With You (3.40). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Artic Bay (2.00) & Marciless Cop (3.40) was at langified on Pidiny.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HOLD, Date my lawy by Winners from Magigleredch at Lingfield of Priday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Insa (4.15) sent 288 miles by Winners from Magigleredch Co Durbent, Grade Times (3.40) sent 242 miles by E Weymes from Coverbam, N Yorks.

2.00 BOLLINGER SERIES FINAL HANDICAP (AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS E) £6,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £4,397

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4.15 Northern Fleet

5.20 Bit On The Side

4.45 Russian Music (nb)

2.30 TREPLEPRINT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

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7 DANCES WITH DREAMS (Dr A J F Gliebpie 6 kir J Wilson) P Chappie-Hjam 8 9. J Redi 3
2 7 declared — T Birtong Timet, 7-2 Descent With Dreams, 4-1 Labon, 5-1 Nariotic, 4-1 Manharak, 7-1

1 Blanking Desert, 8-1 Presides 1998: Metegra Bue 28 9 J Red 16-1 (W Jervill 11 res BINITAINS TIMOR, a 180,000-dollar American-bred, is well-regarded by Paul Cole and should make a winning dollar. Peter Chappin-Hyen's Denoes With Dreams is one potential demons a winning dollar. Peter Chappin-Hyen's Denoes With Dreams is one potential denoes a winning dollar. Peter Chappin-Hyen's Denoes With Dreams of Paul Cole potential the ger, while Richard Hambon number (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck altered of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and there is reck the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and the potential of Shashing Desert (Deno O'Neill). John Dunion also saddles two and the potential of the potential of the potential of

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3.40 BUCKHOUND NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £12,000 ZYO 7f (Round) Penalty Value £8,754 10_____F F 6 6 6 9 9 4.15 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (CLASS C) £13,000 added 2m 45yds Penalty Value £9,526

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and distance. That suggested that she girts a mile well enough. Ven Gurp won a York resident set morth but struggled in Kernmarra's Donoester race afterwards and needs to browness. Show Paith won the 1993 Batarnia Handicap on soft ground hars but has thom nothing in three runs that year.

5.20) TANKERVILLE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 4f

RACING RESULTS

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2.00: 1. GREAT OMITION (I. Deticn) 2-1;
2. Bolaro Boy 13-8 fav; 3. Borystom 6-1;
6 res. 1%, neck. (I. Cursert, Newmarket).
Roter £2.50; £1.50, £1.60. Qual Forecest:
£1.80. Computer Straight Forecest: £5.57.
2.30: 1. MULTICOLOURED U Raid evens
fav; 2. Greand Spiendour 10-1; 3. Enviched
3-1; 3.0 res. 2½; rk. (M Stoute, Newmarket).
Nota: £2.00; £1.30, £1.90, £1.40. D:
£6.00. CSF £1.297. Tota Title: £5.40.
2.00: 1. VERZEN ID R MCCUbe) 4-1; 2.
Calvettal Kay 9-1; 3. Prisso Lara 14-1. 7
ras. 9-4 fav/Arison Jave (Mth), %, 3. (D. Lode;
Newmarket). Tota: £5.40; £3.00, £3.50. DP;
£26.30, CSF; £3.427.
3.30: 1. MAZARD A GLESS (Alex Gressen)

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3.30: 1 HAZARD A GUESS (Alex Greens) 3-1 5-7, Colect Arch 9-1; 3. Laif The Lucky 5-1 11 ren. shi-hd, 1. (D Nicholls, Thirsio, 10th: £2.80; £1.90, £2.00, £1.80, 0P: 59.50, CSP, £21.13, Tric: £24.10, 4.00; 1. LOVE HAS NO PRIDE (Dane Their 7-1: 2. Gipey Princess 14-1: 3. Sand-beggedagain 13-2 far: 4. Princess lopuz 7-1: 17 rat. 4, nt. (R Hermon, Est Elen-leigh), Totas 17-50; £2.00. £5.10, £1.40, £2.20. DP. £1.37.40. CSP. £104.23. Tre-ast £680.79. Thir £1.35.70.

ast £860.79. Pro: £335.70.
4.30: 1. VOEA PREMERE (R MuSer) 11-2 R Tay: 7. Dreams End 20-1; 2. Karforns 20-1; 4. Mad Militant 20-1. 22 ran. 11-2 R tay Glow Forum (5th). 7s, 6. (M Tarropins, Newmentot. Tota: £5.40; £1.90, £4.10, £6.90, £4.90; DP: £41.40, CSP: £120.80. Thosa: £2,009.80. Tay: £532.50.

Jackpot: £1,176.90, Placepot: £51.40, Quadpot: £27.60, Place &: £82.44, Place 5: £63.64,

2.20: 1, KING OF BABYLON (LASpell) 9-4 tor, 2. Lac De Gras 8-1; 3. They All Forgot Me 5-1. 8 ran. 3½, 2½. (F Jordan, Leomissier). Note: £2.90; £1.60, £2.40. Dus! Forecest: £7.60. Computer Straight Forecest: £17.02. 2.50: 1. TENAYESTELISN (J.A. McCarty)

2.50: 1. TEMAYESTELIAN (J.A. McCarthy)
4-1; 2. Ryton Ram 20-1; 3. Holy Wanderor 4-7 fb. 4 ram, 3, dist. (D. Maris, Lamboum). Tota: £4.30; £3.10. DF: £11.50. CSF:
£28.29, Chapel Of Barras (B-1) was withdriven not under orders: Rafe 4 applies to all
bets, deduction 10p in the pound.
3.20: 1. Holy JoB; (D.) Burchell 3-1; 2.
Nathan Stelse 25-1; 3. Don dx Cartan 51. 8 ran, 5-4 favourite Tallywagger (4th). 2,
1/4. (D.) J. Burchell, £bbw Vale). Total: £4.40;
£1.40, £4.40, Dual Forecast; £84.40. CSF:
£44.76.

£44.78. 3.50: 1. ON THE TEAR (C Lievellys) 6-1: 2. Little By Little 7-1; 3. Script 13-8. 4 rm. 11-8 fav Bue Reven (#60. 2, 3. (F Lloyd, Sangar-on-Dee). Toke: £7-90. DP: £7-90. CSP. £30-90.

530.90.

4.30; 1. SIGMA RUNI (T Hedent) 8-13 for;
2. Supercrasis 4-1; 3. Jon's Choice 7-2-4
ran. 2/s., hd. (J Edwards, Ross-on-Wye). Tota:
£1.30. Dual Forecast: £2.20. CSP. £3.30.
4.50; 1. CRACKLING FROST UF Tilley;
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ON THE ROAD WITH SCOTLAND: Travelling from Glasgow to Tallinn, the town with no team, via Riga, Phil Shaw joins the three-second heroes and their supporters on a bizarre odyssey



port, 8am. Play-ers, officials (aka "fat cats"), scribes and snappers assemble. The Under-21s look young enough to be sponsored by Mothercare, and there is an unfamiliar face with the hig team". Brian McAllister plays for Wimhledon, which had led some of the company

wholesame appearance of a Blue Peter presenter A quiet flight; Craig Brown's players pride themselves in not indulging in the "dentist's chair" drinking antics associated with a certain Rangers midfielder. On landing at Riga, the Latvian capital, the terminal is closed due to a small fire (or a "raging inferno", depending on your newspaper). The entire party has to wait in a yard be-hind some industrial units for

to expect a shaved head and a

ghetto-blaster. He has the

their bags. Riding on the media hus is a Scot who now runs a travel firm in our next stop, Estonia, Chris McLean, former SNP press officer, followed the national team there in '93, stayed and married "a local lassie". Riga by night in the post-Soviet era has a surprising number of "Irish" pubs. m which kitted Tartan Army footsoldiers revel in bemused local scrutiny. There is also a shortage of cars (pleasing) and street suggested for the Estonia game.

Even in the rain Riga's potential as a "leisure destination" is eviscaled-down Sofia or Bucharest, it has faded

grandeur hut none of their ugly jerry-huilt blocks of flats. A plaque on one crumbling build-ing announces that Sergei

Nearby, a symbol of the 1990s revolution, McDonald's, does brisk trade. The average wage is 80 Lats (roughly £80) per month. putting the goods in the citycentre slores way beyond the reach of most Latvians. Disappointingly for this proud owner of a Russian copy of "Rubber Soul" - vinyl 12in, with title in Cyrillic script - it is a strictly CD (Costly Disc) town. However

(cue Hovis ad music) the trol-

Eisenstein, film-maker to the

Russian Revolution. lived there.

ley hus and tram live on. In the dilapidated Daugava Stadium, Scotland are on a hiding to nothing. In fact, they give Latvia a hiding, two-nothing. John Cullins senres a fabulnus goal and Andy Gnram makes a Banks-v-Pele save. But

The players do not shower at the ground, where facilities resemble a typhoid trap. A piper in full regalia gives them a mu-sical send-off while 800 Scots supporters repeatedly sing that old, heather-scorching battle hymn. "Doe, Rae, Mc" from The Sound of Music.

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Kicks in the Baltics bring 3 joy to the Tartan Army Ray, a drop of sia and Germany, their fool- Estonian rival refuses to bare Golden Sun. balkers should be acquainted with her breasts to the leering

Where the seniors played in murky mist and rain, the Under-21s' 0-0 draw takes place in gorgeous autumn sunshine. A half-time, Brown and his men share their Scottish FA-issue cbocolate with their followers. One maintains he has never seen, let alone eaten, a "raw" (that is, not deep-fried) Mars

The intrepid travelling fans recount their escapades. Those caught relieving themselves against the stadium wall the previous night were fined anything from £5 to £30 on the spot; the enterprise culture at work. One Scot, having sensitively removed hammer-and-sickle insignia from a hat bought in Moscow, returned from the loo in a bar to find it hurnt by Latvians. Another, whose taxi driver had nn

change for a five-Lat note, was given two fish instead. And so to Estonia, a 40-minute flight away. Like Latvia, they played under their own flag from 1921 until a particularly invidious protocol between Hitler and Stalin led to their incorporation into the Soviet Union. Perestroika and the Moscow coup of '91 signalled the rush to freedom. After centuries of being fought over by Rus-

the principle of counter-attack.

Estonia's people and language appear more Scandinavian than their Baltic neigh-bours. The capital is home tn a third of the 1.43 million inbabitants, a remarkable 52 per cent of whom hold Russian

nationality.
Tourist highspots include
Kiek in der Kok, an ancient
tower rather than a monument to Neil Ruddock. The name, derived from Low German, means "peep into the kitchen" because soldiers could watch women cooking from its windows. The priginal mediaeval walled city, known as Old Town, boasts a captivating cobhled square where Harry Lime

might have lurked in a doorway. Not to mention a Scottish bar. The Puh With No Name is run by David Coutts, an ex-SNP councillor in Dundee. Tonight, with sponsorship by the Daily Star of Scotland, it brings Cale-donian culture to the deprived masses of Tallinn. Not Rabbie Burns, nr even Billy Connnlly, but a wet T-shirt competition. Scotland fan wins after her protest.

injured

John Spencer, court jester to flying home early. Stuart Mc-Call is also nursing a strain from Riga, leaving no fewer than nine of Brown's original 22 unavailable. With Rangers playing Ajax next week, the manager will not want to jeop-ardise the champions' goodwill. by returning McCall lame to

For the fans, filling in the time between games is about more than gerting bevvied. Some 100 tartan-clad Scots join a solemn march of remembrance in the drizzle for the 852 people who died in the SS Estonia ferry disaster two

years ago.
After the Under-21 match, which Scotland won 1-0, the SFA's concern about the floodlighting at the tiny Kadriorg Stadium mounts. Fifa's version of Dickie Bird takes a damning light-meter reading; Brown takes a dim view and announces that Scot-The Finnish girlfriend of a land will play, but under

Overnight, Fifa, the world gov-erning body, uni-laterally switches kick-off from

6.45pm to 3pm. Estonia refuse to comply, and with the Tartan Army singing "We only play in the daylight" Scotland lock off against no one. The referee's whistle ensures that "game" is all over before anyone can say, "It is now." Only Billy Dodds and John Collins have touched the ball, yet the press box is in a panic over the age-old question:

"Who passed to who?" Brown's players change back the squad, follows Gary McAllister in ing home early. Stuart Mcnal." At 5.15 the Estonian team arrive and go through the motions of preparing to play. The lights flicker into feehle life.

Collins, captain for the first time, reveals that the referee checked their studs and wished him "Good luck" as they shook hands. Paul Lambert says he was ordered to tuck his shirt in. "Good job we didn't lose the toss," quips Jim Leighton, while Brown's self-mocking satisfaction at "another clean sbeet" is tempered by the realisation that "we hardly crossed the half-way line all

afternoon. Mixed emotions, too, on the flight home, divided between a feeling that Scotland had played fair with Estonia and a sense of anticlimax. Among the fans arriving back the next morning is the winner of the wet T-shirt contest. It turns out that her prize is £200 plus a trip to Edinburgb. She lives in

Patience runs short with sour Sacchi

taly's lackinstee 1-0 World Cop qualifying victory over Georgia has increased the clamour for Arrigo Sacches resignation. The embattled coach need-

ed a police escort from the dressing room on Wednes-day night amid jeers from supporters still smarting from Italy's early exit from this summer's Euro 96. With his future once again in doubt, Sac-chi hit back, saying: "I don't intend to resign. This has al-ways been an unpopular job. Sometimes you need to know how to take it on the chin but my patience is infinite."

The Italian rederation may be less so, however, Luciano Nizzola, the Italian league, president and the man exected to be appointed the federation's new bear, was cautious on Sacchi's future. He said Sacchi would still

be coach when Italy play Bosnia in a friendly in Sarajevo next month. Beyond that it was "impossible to pre-dict how the federation will behave on the Sacchi issue'

Netherlands

It was hardly in the Eric Cantona league of colourful pronouncements, but Louis Van Gaal's assertion that he wants to "spread my wings is of real significance to Ajax. The architect of the Dutch champions greatest triumphs announced yesterday that he will leave the club at the end

of the season.
"Twe achieved everything I can with Aiax." said Van Gaal. 45, who took over as coach from Leo Beenhakker in September 1991. "I now want to nigly after the final whistle spread my wings. My contract expires [at the end of the cutrent season so I have the chance to make that step. Van Gaal, who joined Ajax

in 1988; said he was seeking

not have a new club to go to. "I have told Ajax fof my decision to leave] early out of re-spect for the club," Van Gaal said. "I would like to go to a club comparable to Ajax."
Van Gaal led Ajax to the

league title for the past three seasons, won the European Cup in 1995, the Uefa Cup in 1992, the Dutch and European Super Cups and the Work Club Championship. Last sea-son Ajax failed to retain their European crown, losing to Juventus on penalties in Rome. His availability on Europe's managerial merry-go-round will entice several clubs. Barcelona, for one, have expressed an interest in hiring Van Gaal. Francis Lee must be

Vietnam

The Vietnam cup final was marred by violence last Sunday when the losing team attacked the referee. Not such · an uncommon event, perhaps, but the disgruntled footballers were the Ho Chi Minh City Police Force team. With nine yellow and red cards shown, the game got. when players from the police team, defeated 3-1 by Dong Thap, pushed, kicked and punched the referee as he ran

Andrew Mart

Hard work for Bath on and off pitch

RUPERT METCALF

While Bristol Rovers enjoy life back in their home city at the Memorial Ground, the team they left behind at Twerton Park have endured a season of

Having Rovers as tenants brought Bath City about £100,000 per year. City had hudgeted for that until the year 2000. so Rovers' decision to move in with Bristol Rugby Club was an

unwelcome surprise.
With dehts of around £300,000, Bath started the GM Vauxhall Conference campaign looking for a saviour. But Andrew Page, a local night-cluh owner, withdrew his rescue package and a rival consor-tium also pulled out when its plans to sell the ground proved unacceptable.

However, at an extraordinary general meeting on Wednesday, Keith Foster, a former director, became controlling sharebolder with a 51 per cent stake. His investment company, Corporate

ity, has put in about £150,000 to boost club funds. "At least that will get the cred-

itors off our hack," Boh Twyford, Bath's general manager and secretary, said yesterday, "but there will be none to spare to strengthen the team. It was the best deal available, though.

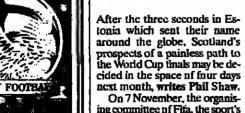
Bath are now bottom but one in the Conference and it has been a tough campaign so far for Steve Millard, who took charge in the summer after the

departure of the popular player-manager. Tony Ricketts.

After losing several good players in the close season, Millard has plugged the gaps with youngsters plus three Be-tol Rovers old boys: Graham. Withey, Shaun Penny and Steve Cross, the former Rovers assistant manager who signed for City last week.

Bath admit they may have to drop down a league before they can rebuild the team. "The problem we face is that rugby rules in this city," Twyfnrd said. The husiness community just isn't interested in football

Brown awaits Fifa verdict on McAllister



On 7 November, the organising committee of Fita, the sport's world governing body, will adjudicate on Wednesday's bizarre events in Tallinn. The statute book points to Scotland being awarded a 3-0 victory following the host nation's no-show. However, the Estonian FA

protest against the late rescheduling of the game. Kick-off time had been brought forward nearly four hours by the Fifa delegate after the Scotland manager, Craig Brown, expressed concern about the standard of the floodlights.

Fifa's committee will also rule on whether the "match", abandoned by the referee as soon as Scotland kicked off in the absence of any opponents, means that Gary McAllister has now served his one-game suspension. The letter from Fifa to the Scottish FA confirming the cap-television revenue at £100,000, team qualify automatically. esterday lodged a formal

tain's ban stated that it was for "the match versus Estonia". The need to clarify McAllister's eligibility or otherwise is pressing. Fifa is not due to dis-cuss the situation until 72 hours before the Scots meet the

Group Four favourites, Sweden, in Glasgow nn 10 November, in the meantime. Brown intends to name the hugely influential midfielder in his squad. The secretary of the Estonia

federation, Ainar Lettanen, last night estimated its loss from the fixture at £170,000. He put lost

with ticket refunds, security and, ironically, the cost of im-porting extra lighting from Finland accounting for the rest. The Estonian media, betray-

ing the effects of half a century spent in the Soviet Union, suspected corruption. One newspaper claimed that Scotland, with several key players injured, feared an embarrassing defeat. If the "walkover" win is con-

firmed. Scotland will be top going into the Sweden game. If not, the Swedes will remain leaders of a section from which only one

Dynamic McAteer

Jason McAteer's goalscoring performance in central midfield has provided stiff competition for the enigmatic Roy Keane for a place at the beart of the Republic of Ireland's World Cup qualifying campaign. This sideshow to the tradi-

tional Liverpool-Manchester United rivalry should prove beneficial to the cause for the Republic's coach, Mick Me-Carthy. Liverpool's McAteer, converted to a right wing-back since his £4m move from Bolton, was the vital spark of a convincing 3-0 Irish victory over

Eight qualifier in Dublin, com-bining his first international goal in 19 appearances with a dynamic display.

However, McCarthy considers Keane a world-class player, although the United midfielder featured in only four of Ireland's 11 games in the last European Championship qualifiers. Keane has played only once for McCarthy, but be bas returned to the fold since being sent off against Russia in Mazza and banned by the coach from a summer tour of America after failing to turn up for another FYR Macedonia in the Group friendly international in Dublin.

Part-time Kiwis embarrass substandard Lions

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Carlaw Park, Lion Red Cup XIII Great Britain

Great Britain lost their perfect tour record when they were held by a team of part-timers drawn from New Zealand's domestic

If the Lions needed a reminder that the serious part of their southern bemisphere jaunt has begun, then a Test-strength side got it when they were em-

"It was the worst performance

I can remember," said the Great Britain captain, Andy Farrell, only slightly exaggerating the extent of his side's ineptitude. This was a remarkable trans-

formation for a side so full of confidence, built up during the preamble in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. Perhaps that was the problem; they were just too conlident of their ability to dictate terms and play in any way they "We played very badly," the

barrassed here by opposition several notches below what they will face against New say we trained. We didn't go way we trained. We didn't go way we trained to be substitute – set up a try for Kesicon went in front when Bobsie Goulding's high kick eludir of Cunningham and Daryl ed the defence and Denis Betts. Substitute – set up a try for Kesicon went in front when Bobsie Goulding's high kick eludir of the defence and Denis Betts. forward enough and we were far too ambitious with the ball. The result was that we made 18 or 19 handling errors and if you do that at this level you don't expect to get away even with a

> The ease with which Great Britain carved out some early opportunities was no preparation for what was to come. Even when the locals took a lead through a penalty from their impressive scrum-half, Ben Lythe, who will play for Widnes next season, the Lions

sent Anthony Sullivan in.

But basic errors allowed the former Warrington hooker, Tukere Barlow, and Jonathan Hughes to give the New Zealanders a 10-point lead, which was only trimmed by Stuart Spruce's 90-yard sprint to create a try out of nothing.

Gus Malietoa-Brown leapt above Sullivan to restore the home side's 10-point lead early in the second half, but when the strong running of Adrian Morley - one of Britain's few successes after coming on as a

Powell it seemed that the tourists might get away with it. But their two-point lead was

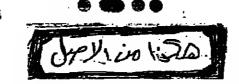
cancelled when Lythe kicked his fifth goal from as many attempts when Great Britain were caught offside. Both sides went close to win-

ning after that. David Bailey, looking better than he ever did with Wakefield Trinity a couple of seasons ago, hitting the post with a drop-goal attempt and Great Britain having a lastminute touchdown disallowed when Powell's pass to Sullivan was ruled forward.

est about these things and they felt that one was OK," Larder

That could not disguise the fact, bowever, that this was a woefully substandard performance. "We will play a lot better next week," he promised.

They will have to. tion find Cap XIII: Honeley Gar mornes, Molecos-Brown, R Street Il Shawart, Bartow, Alon, Ede Huston C. Station, Alon, Ede



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The places of Damon Hill's face remained set like a poker player's yesterday, betraying come of the inner tension that he will uodoubtedly be feeling as he prepares for the final push to the top of a mountain twice cooquered by his father.

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He spoke quietly of his feelings before Sunday a Japanese Grand Prix, which will decide the outcome of a world championship that seemed his for the sking at the mid-season point. Outwardly he appeared calm and confident, as if he had oot fluffed similar chances in the recent races in Hungary and Italy, and by his own hand prolonged the fight until this final

stage,
Shrugging thoughts of the championship from his mind has not been easy, he admitted, in the weeks since his failure to capitalise oo early advantages at both the Hungaroring and Monza. "I would be lying if I said that it hadn't taken a conscious effort oot to be thinking ahout winning the champi-onship," he said. "Now I'm here i know I can go into my race routine, and things take care of themselves from that point onwards."

Jackie Stewart, three times the world champion, recently advised Hill to adapt a "pretty damn canny" approach if he fouod he were uoable to lead Sunday's race, and Hill pondered the tactics he would employ to defeat his team-mate and sole rival, Jacques Vil-leneuve. "I certainly have to take into account that the championship is paramount.
To win another race would he great but not as great as winning the championship, so there is a little hit of weighing up to do in mind whether I want to take more risk and tackle it with a

in order to win the title. But I'm always oervous about taking a

He admitted that easing his concentration had proved his downfall at Monza, and added:

His ace is the knowledge that Villeneuve must win without his rival scoring a point, whereas all he oeeds is sixth place. It is a strong psycholog-

him. There's no way he can win the championship unless he wins the race. Whereas at least I have some options. But there's always pressure at a grand prix, and the thing for me is that I know that I can become world champioo on Sunday. It's a motivating

Suzuka, a fast, twisting circuit that rewards daring and improvisation, has given Hill his greatest and lowest races. In 1994, he beat Michael Schumacher fair and square in dire conditions." Last year, he crashed ignominiously. He loves the track. "It's tremendous, and I'll never forget that race in 1994. It was one of the most difficult I have ever done, and ooe of the most satisfying. And this race will cer-

Although he detests the idea that his entire career has distilled to this ooe point on which achievements of the past will be judged, he is sufficiently rounded now to accept the focus the world has placed on his performance this weekend. He smiled. "My whole purpose has been to win a championship, by winning races, and I have the opportunity on Sunday to do that. I ex-pect that there will be a lot said after Sunday... I hope that most



cautious approach because sometimes that throws up other difficulties."

"The best position to be in in any grand prix is in the lead. You are much more in command of what's going oo. But if I'm run-ning in the points I'll be very, very happy and will concentrate oo finishing there."

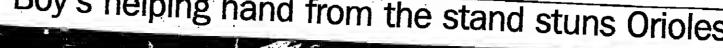
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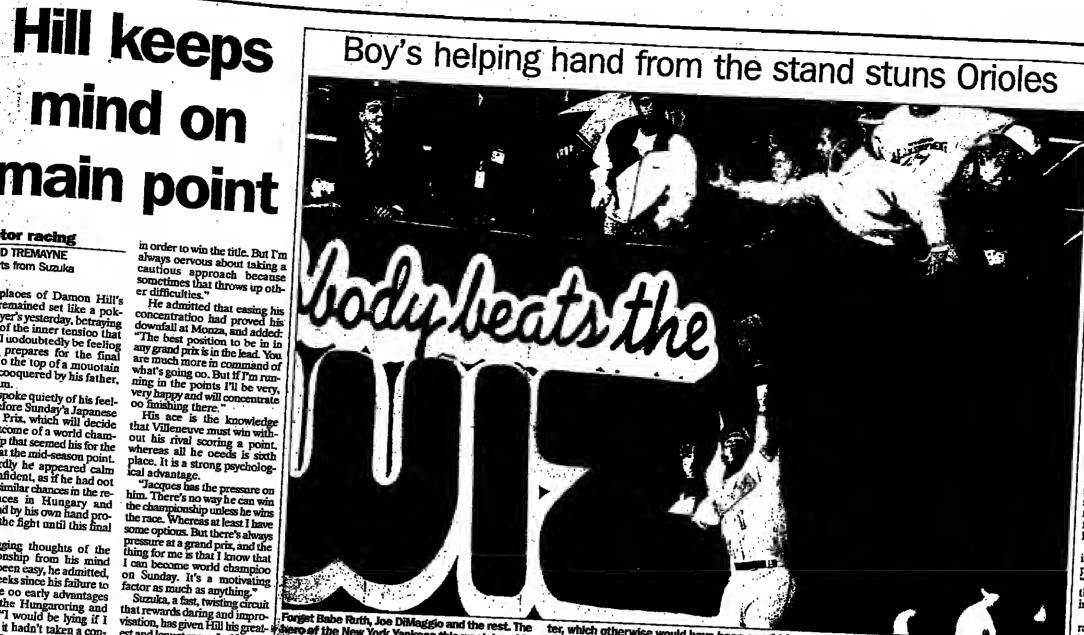
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hero of the New York Yankees this week is a 12year-old boy from New Jersey called Jeff Maier, writes Rupert Cornwell. Leaning forward from his front-row seat (above) in Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, young Jeff stuck out a glove and deflected into the stands a ball hit by a Yankee bat-

ter, which otherwise would have been caught by the Baltimore Orioles outfielder Tony Tarrasco. Instead the Yankees were awarded a home run, ty-ing the first game of the American League Championship Series at 4-4. They went on to a 5-4 win, which could pave the way to victory in the best-of-seven ACLS and a spot in the World

Series later this month. Baseball's rules forbid fan Interference, and television replays show beyond doubt that the ball was dropping just inside

the fence. But the umpire made the wrong call, as he admitted later. Nor is Maier showing remorse. "As a Yankee fan, if I helped the team I feel pret-ty good," he said

IB approves tactical substitutions

"It makes the game more hon-est, in that it addresses concerns

about players feigning injuries."

Rugby Union

DAVID LLEWELLYN.

Rugby can clean up its act and revolutionise its tactics following a landmark decision yes-terday by the International Board to allow tactical substitutions at international and senior club level in northern and southern hemisphere rugby.
It means that from 4 November coaches will be able to rise all six replacements for in-

or field five of them as strategic subs, although in the latter case two of them must be frontrow operators. This will eradicate the hlatant practice of feigning injury to enable a substitutions to be made.

The first example of this was in 1992 when the France lock Christian Mougeot trotted off against Wales, visibly untroubled but apperently with a calf injury. to allow the more adept line-out man, Olivier Roumat, to take the field in Cardiff.

The Lions manager, Fran Cotton, agreed: "During the summer series of Test matches involving the southern hemisphere countries, there was blatant flouting of the law that allows a player to be replaced

Pugh, acknowledged the abuse that has been going on and said: ball Union and Canada's gov-erning body to assess their claims that British clubs are breaking IB regulations concerning player availability. The Irish are questioning the actions of English clubs, among them London Irish, while the Canadians have a beef with a Welsh club, believed to be Bridgend, who have three

Canucks on their books. London Irish, who are in-

who are taking part in the Eu-ropean Cup. Certain of the Exiles' players are defying their clnh but the Rugby Football Union and the Welsh Rugby Union have been given 21 days by the IB in which to respond.

One dispute looks to have been settled with 36 Scotland

players signing a three-year fulltime contract with the Scottish Rugby Union. Scott Hastings. Ken Logan and Duncan Hodge

Boardman wins silver medal in 'nightmare'

Cycling ROBIN NICHOLL reports from Lugano

Rain dampened Chris Boardman's desire for a golden finish to a season that many would regard as a career's worth of achievement. After finishing second to Switzerland's Alex Zülle in the World Time Trial Championship here yesterday, Boardman admitted he was still haunted by his crash in last year's Tour de France when on rain-soaked roads be fell, breaking a wrist and ankle.

"I was scarred by the experience," he said. "I would out say it scared me but it has taken away my confidence. I used to attack riders on mountain descents in the rain hut now I struggle to stay with them. I find myself looking down watching for manhole covers instead of

lookiog ahead."
In two weeks' time he is having two five-centimetre surgical pins removed from his ankle. Perhaps after that I can beat this nightmare, aod stop thinking about it so much."
His morale fell as fast as the

rain when he looked out of his hotel window at breakfast time.
"I pulled back the curtains and screamed 'no way.' Three weather forecasts had promised a clear day. Rain was my worst nightmare," he said.

After a viral infection ruined his 1996 Tour, Boardman's mission was to "salvage his season." He started with a bronze medal in the Olympic time trial, regained the world 4,000 metres pursuit track title, then smashed the world hour record. He won five time trials including the prestigious prizes of the Grand Prix Eddy Mercks, the Telekom Grand Prix, and the Grand Prix des Nations.

That was not coough. He wanted the world time trial crown which he first won in 1994, but yesterday the be-spectacled Zülle was 39sec faster. Boardman snatched the silver by two seconds from Zülle's compatriot Tony man had taken the hour record

Australia collapse to spin

Cricket Australia 182

India 57-1

The Indian spinners Anil Kum-able, Sumil Joshi and Aashish Kapoor exploited a dry and cracked pitch to dismiss Australia for 182 on the first day of the one-off Test in New Delhi

India then reached 57 for I by the close after losing open-ter Vikram Rathore for five when he was caught by Ricky Ponting at midwicket off the fast bowler Paul Reiffel.

Leg-spinner Kumble took 4 for 63, the left-arm spinner Joshi 2 for 36 and Kapoor took 2 for 30 with his off-breaks as Australia collapsed from 81 for The paceman Venkatesh

Prasad and a run-out accounted for the other two wickets after Australia won the toss oo o surface that was expected to aid the slow bowlers. The Australian coach, Geoff

Marsh, said: "We did play a couple of loose strokes but the Indian spinners bowled ex-"We'd have liked to score 50 Fis still wide open. The ball's

turning and it's keeping up and Top scorer Michael Slater made his 44 in 130 minutes off 96 deliveries and included six

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Boxing

Coin McMillan has threatened legal action over a Commonwealth featherweight title flight an London tonight. Doncaster's Jon Jo Invin and Smith Odoom, of Grana, meet at the Hilton Hotel for the title vacated by Sunderlend's Billy Hardy. But McMillian, the former World Boxing Organisation champion, says he was promised, in writing, a title chance if he won a final eliminator last month, which he did against Trust Ndlovu; of Zmbabwe.

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Derek Warwick, the former grand prix driver, is to return to the British Touring Car Championship next year as both team owner and driver. Warwick, who drove for Alpha Romeo in the 1995 championship with little success, will join a brand new Vauxhall "Super Team" alongside the former British champion, John Cletand,

John Cleiand.

The Italian driver Alessandro Nanolni, whose right arm was severed and then sewn back on after a helicopter crashfive years ago, is to test a Benedich-Ranaut Formula One car in Portugal next month. The 37 year-old will be at Estoril from 25-28 November.

Rugby League
Junior Paramore, the 27-year-old former Western Samoan rugby union international, will not be returning to
Castleford Tigers next season. "It is hard

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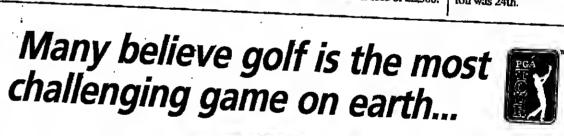
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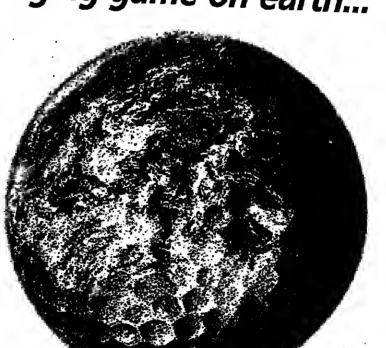
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Hoddle's problems stem from the front

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent

Terry Venables used to go home after an England match, switch on the video and watch the game again. He would eventually go to bed at about 3am, only to get up a few hours later and watch it again. Come the weekend he would have another look.

Glenn Hoddle went home after Wednesday night's 2-1 win over Poland and went to bed. The new England coach said the video. ready within minutes of the final whistle, would probably remain untouched until after the weekend.

strong will, but it is hard to to ensure they win all the home magine he will resist having a look before then. Curiosity, as much as anxiety, will draw him

down in England's lengthy work, even if they did combine preparation. They may have for a goal. The problem was won - which was the most important thing - but the victory

was by no means assured. Better performances will be required away to Italy, Poland, and, in the next match on 9 November, Georgia. England are nigh on unbeatable at Wemb-ley—they have only lost to Brazil

Maybe. Hoddle is a man of in 29 matches. While they need games, it is away that World Cup qualification will be decided.

It is thus imperative that Hoddle gets the balance right next Where, he will wonder, did I time. Playing Alan Shearer and go wrong? For something broke Les Ferdinand together did not more the impact their pairing had on the rest of the side. Without a Barmby or Sheringham to knit the play, the strikers became. isolated. Steve McManaman played in a forward role but he is more of a runner than a passer. His advanced position also

admitted, "and then go hunting the ball in packs. We went hunting the ball as individuals."

This is an area where Jamie Redknapp commbutes well but he cannot gain a regular club place. Hoddle added: The players that want the ball need to understand they will get more possession if they get that right first. The midfield players probably ran harder than they had for several games but there was no reward."

In that area there were too ham and Andy Hinchcliffe, many players seeking to attack seemed unsure of their role. and not enough taking defen-sive responsibility. You have to get the shape right," Hoddle fortably drawn into the centure and made few overlaps. Beckham, after a slow start, played well but in a more conventional midfield role. The consequence was a lack of width. Combined with over-playing and poor pass-ing it meant England rarely had

possession for long. With the midfield "strung out", to quote Hoddle, the defence was emosed. Once again English defenders were seen to be vulnerable on one-on-ones. It was another night when David

Seaman's quality proved vital.

Outlity decided the match.

The Poles had the best performer in Piotr Nowak but England had the edge where it mattered - in goal and in front of goal. Of Shear-

er, Hoddle said: "He's got a great temperament and he is single-minded when it comes to goalscoring. He's quite similar to Gary Lineker - though he scores more spectacular goals." Eight of Shearer's 13 goals

for England have come in the last seven matches, and Hoddle added; "After Euro 96 he knows he can score against the best defenders in Europe and that has given him the confidence to take

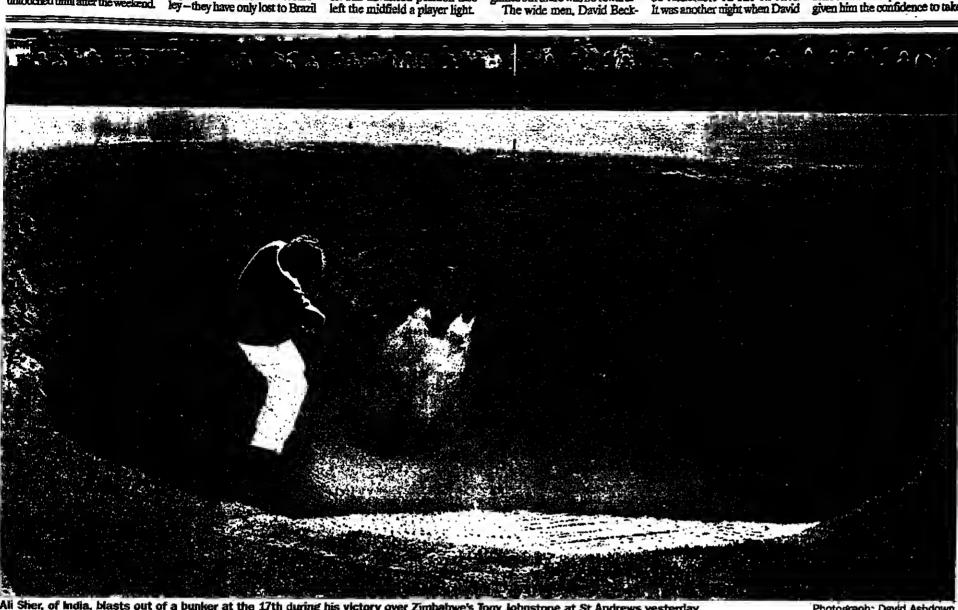
levelling of standards, that is where games are won and lost at international level. If he is onthe pitch you have a chance. He works hard, he is a leader."

A leader he may be but Hoddle would oot be drawn on whether he would retain Shearer as captain if Tony Adams re- pening. turns for the Georgis game. However, he may be spared that dilemma should Shearer require a second groin operation, which Newcastle would almost certainly arrange during an England training session. Adams's presence would cer-

it on to the world level. With the especially if Gareth Southgate?

knee injury proves serious. The coach backtracked on his request, in the Wembley pro-gramme, for two days with the team after a match. The clubs would offer strong resistance and. Hoddle admitted: "I meant in an ideal world. I can't see it imp-

As well as the various World Cup results there was a friend ly worth noting. France, so begeft of forwards even Eric Cantona was apparently considered, put four past Turkey. If England do make it to France 96 they will not want to entainly strengthen the defence, counter the hosts too early on.



Ali Sher, of India, blasts out of a bunker at the 17th during his victory over Zimbabwe's Tony Johnstone at St Andrews yesterday

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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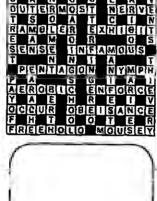
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O'Meara's road rage

ANDY FARRELL reports from St Andrews

On a day like yesterday, the sun shining and a modest breeze by St Andrews standards, the Old Course can seem defenceless. It is not: it has the 17th, or Road Hole. No respecter of reputations, the hole catches the great and the good. Mark O'Meara and Gaurav Ghei both suf-

fered on the opening day of the Alfred Dunhill Cup. O'Meara was attempting to break the Old Course record and was 10 under par on the 17th tee. Curtis Strange's mark of 62, made during the 1987 Dunhill Cup, still stands. Ghei was hoping for a major upset as India,

on their first appearance in the competition, were only narrowly beaten by Zimbabwe 2-1. We have learned from past experience that you can't take any team lightly." O'Meara said. America lost to France in 1990. In his match with Italy's Costantino Rocca, O'Meara had a par at the first, then rolled in eight consecutive birdies, equalling the European record and setting

a new mark of 28 for the front nine of the Old Course. Twice he holed from over 40 feet. His 20-footer at the 10th came up just short, but he also hirdied the 11th and 12th. "Needless to say, I made my share of putts," O'Meara said.

But at 17, his five-iron approach trickled over the green on to the stone path behind Putting he did not make it up the bank. His next putt finished six feet past and he missed that to record a double-bogey six. That hole has got me a few times," O'Meara said. "But once I was two behind Richard Zokol, made a bogey and came out one ahead.

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"I knew I had thrown away a chance of breaking Curtis's rec-ord and, believe me, I was thinking about it all the back nine." His 11th birdie at the last gave the 39-year-old American a 63 and a sev-

en-shot win over Rocca. Steve Stricker, playing his first competitive round on the Old Course, shot a 68 to beat Silvio Grappasonni by seven. But Emanuele Canonica, a big hitter in the Daly mould, had a birdie at the second extra hole to beat Phil Mickelson, world ranked 573 places above the Italian. Today America play England, who lead Group One as Barry Lane, Lee Westwood and Jonathan Lomas had the day's only 3-0 whitewash, against Spain.

Colin Montgomerie lost to Jarmo Sandelin as the defending champions, Scotland, went down 2-1 to Sweden. "We are not despondent; we just need to beat India and Zimbabwe 3-0," Monty said. This may not be straightforward. Ali Sher proved India's first winner at the Old Course, edging Tony Johnstone, the Zim-babwean captain, by a stroke.

Nick Price won by a similar margin over Jeev Singh and Gher's match with Mark Mo-Nulty was equally close until the 17th. Ghei, the pro at Delhi Golf Club where his team-mates also play, found the Road Hole ker with his second, then finished on the road. He ended up making a 15-footer for a six. "It

is a great hole," Ghei said. All the Indian team had played the Old Course before, and their manager. Vikramjit Singh, is a member of the Royal & Aucient. "We knew if we played our game, we would give them a good fight," Ghei said. "We had a good chance of causing a major upset. Every-thing about this place is awe-

some, apart from the weather." OPoblished by Newspaper Publishing PLC, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, and printed at Mirrar Colour Print; St Albans Rusal, Warford and Hollinwood Avenue, Oldham. Back issues available from Historic Newspape

Shearer in fear of new ... operation

Alan Shearer, who was yesterday described as "England's jewel in the crown" by Glenn Hoddle, has consulted a lead-

ing specialist amid fears that he needs a second groin operation.

The world's most expensive footballer, whose two goals against Poland on Wednesday saved coach Hoddle from World Cup embarrassment. faces a month out of action.

Shearer saw a Harley Street specialist while in London with the England squad and New-castle's £15m striker has been advised that he will need an operation on the opposite side to where he went under the knife in May. The medical advice is that he may be able to play on for a few months, but the injury will eventually need attention. Shearer came back from the

first operation to become the leading scorer in the Euro 96 finals. However, it is common for players who have surgery on one side of the groin to need similar work done on the other soon

train for a couple of months last. season, before missing the final two games for Blackburn Rovers when they were pushing

for a Uefa Cup place. Now the timing of possible surgery will be down to Shear-er and the Newcastle manager, Kevin Keegan, while keeping one eye on England's needs. Shearer's absence from Eng-

land's World Cup campaign they play Georgia away next month and Italy at home in February - would be calamitous. His performance against Poland had Hoddle likening him to Gerd Muller, Mario Kempes, and Paolo Rossi.

"He's our jewel in the crown," Hoddle said, adding

how vital it is to have the edge a world-class striker gives a team at international level.

"Look at the amount of games Rossi won for Italy. games Rossi won for hary, sometimes when perhaps they didn't play so well, "he said. "If he's on the puch they always had a chance. Kempes of Argenti-na had the same thing. Alan has that gift. Even when he's not on

that gift. Even when he's not on form, he does score goals."

Fans wishing to ensure they see a fully fit Shearer in action against Italy will have to pay for tickets for the home games against Georgia and Moldova as neil!

Tickets for the game on 12 February are not on sale until the new year, but an application form can be obtained by example. a Wembley hotline number, with tickets for the Italy game priced at between £60 and £14 and seats for the encounters against Georgia on 30 April and Moldova on 10 September both priced between £55 and £14. The FA's view is that the scheme encourages loyalty by enabling supporters booking early to

guarantee tickets. Sheffield Wednesday moved The signs are not good for closer to finalising a £2.65m deal for Internazionale's Benito Carland. He carried on unable to fielder had talks with David Pleat at Hillsborough yesterday.

Paul McGrath has joined Derby County and will play against against Newcastle to-morrow. The 36-year-old defender, who has signed a contract until the end of the scason, is expected to cost £200,000, depending on appearances.

The Juventus midfielder Antonio Conte is set to miss the Champions' League game with Manchester United next month and Italy's World Cup qualifier with England in February after twisting his knee in the 1-0. win over Georgia.

Bosman ruling hits Spurs

Rusedski serves into the record books

The British No 2, Greg Ruseds-ki, yesterday produced the fastest serve ever recorded as be reached the quarter-finals of the Peking Open. Serving at match point against the Frenchman Jean-Philippe Fleurian, he produced his 20th ace of the match at a speed of 139.8mph - 2.8mph faster than the manicus record faster than the previous record jointly held by Rusedski and Australia's Mark Philippoussis.

Rusedski, who won the match , 7-6, 6-1, said: "I knew when 1 hit it it would be close to or better than my previous fastest. I the fastest in the world. The halfspeed through the air is definitely

the fastest I have ever played. Of the match, the left-hander added: "I really had to wait for my chance to turn it round. I let a close call in the first set tiehreaker get me a little too up-set. But I turned a negative into a positive. I regrouped, settled down and found my rhythm in the second set."

Rusedski, who climbed to 75 in the world rankings on Monday, will now meet the Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten, a plantranked 21 places below him. the last eight. Michael Chang was beaten 6-3, 6-4 by the Czech think the conditions in Asia are Martin Damm yesterday.

 ${\mathscr A}$ bunch of flowers





